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In the summer of 1936, Mr. Tibbetts and his associates went above the American Smelting Company's tunnel on the south slope of Summit Creek at the outcropping of the Blue Lead and drove a tunnel in 300 ft. as shown on the map. They found the Blue Lead to be about 2 to 3 ft. wide but carrying hardly enough value to justify mining in the Goodpaster country under present conditions. The reason that the American Smelting Company had not struck this lead was because the dip of the Blue lead is to the north and rather flat. In driving in their tunnel they had not taken account of the dip and missed the lead entirely.

The partners are at present working on the Grizzly Lode Claim. They are driving a tunnel into the Grizzly Bear lead from the head of Johnson Creek, east. The Grizzly Bear lead averages about 18 inches wide and has a very steep dip. The tunnel is at present about 300 ft. long with about 100 ft. of ore overhead, giving them about 1000 tons of ore blocked out.

Their intention is to put in a ball mill sometime in March. This mill will consist of two units of 18 to 20 tons capacity each. At present the partnership owns 2 jackhammers with all necessary bits, steel and forge. They also have a small 15-ton tractor with which they haul the ore mined each day to an ore dump to be milled when (and if) the mill is set up. All their present equipment was bought from the American Smelting Company in the spring of 1937.

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