

ILLINOIS COAL OPERATORS BAN OLD PAY PACT

Miners Can Go Back at \$6 Daily, Edict Following Conference.

By United Press
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START WORK ON BRIDGE IN JULY AT EVANSVILLE

State Orders Bond Issue for Bids on Ohio River Project.

Actual work on the construction of the Ohio River bridge from Dade Park, near Evansville, to the Kentucky shore is expected to be started some time in July.

Definite action leading to awarding the contract for the construction has been taken by the State highway commission at the instance of a delegation from the Evansville Chamber of Commerce, which conferred with the commission Wednesday.

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