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Plataurica Mine

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# \$40,000 SPENT IN DEVELOPING "PLATAURICA"

Approximately \$40,000 was spent during 1936 in development work on the Plataurica mine, according to Fred Galino, resident manager. An average of 15 men were employed operating the two "giants" and installing additional equipment at the well known placer located near O'Brien.

The mine is now owned and operated by the Waldo Placer company which has installed new sluice boxes and ditches during the past year and is still adding new equipment.

The gold is caught in a concentrating plant instead of using riffles, the most common method in use on placer properties. The concentrating plant system has been used by dredges for many years but is something in the way of an experiment where placers are concerned, Mr. Galino stated. A 62-foot hydraulic elevator is used to elevate the material to the plant after it is washed down from the bank by the large "giants."

Two "giants" are operated in the pits and work will be started with a crew of 12 or 14 men as soon as weather conditions permit. There has not been sufficient water so far this year. The new mill is now set up and ready to go.

The Plataurica mine is one of the older mines in the country and has been a big producer in past years under various owners. The new plant and added equipment will make possible operating on a larger scale this year than in former years.

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