HEAD DRILLER INJURED
Stuck by Pinch Bar at Paragould
While Pulling casing

Special to the Gazette
Paragould, Oct. 30.—James Black, head driller at the Preston Oil and Gas Company's test well, was pain-
fully injured when a pinch bar, being
used in an effort to pull casing, struck him on the chest. For a while it
was thought he was fatally hurt, but it later developed that the injury
was not serious. The drillers at the
Preston test are having considerable
trouble with quicksand. It is said
that during the past few weeks sev-
eral different strata of quicksand
have been struck. Drilling operations
are at a standstill, the men trying to
raise the eight-inch casing so that a
10-inch bit can be lowered for the
purpose of getting rid of a gumbo
substance. It is thought trouble
will be remedied in a few days.

PREPARING TO DRILL

Special to the Gazette
Paragould, Dec. 21.—J. B. Brown,
head driller of the Bowler Drilling
and Construction Company of Little
Rock, is here supervising the moving
of the standard rig to the Alex Mc-
Daniel farm, three and a half miles
southwest of here, where the Volcanic
Oil Company of Niagara Falls, Can-
da, propose to drill a test well. It
is said that the derrick will be erected
in the next ten days, and that drill-
ing will commence within two weeks
after the weather permits. The locality
of the proposed well is about 20
feet west of the Paragould-Jonesboro
road, and is near the center of a
square 5,500 and 6,000 acres of land
owned by the Canadian concern.

READY FOR OIL TEST

Canadian Company Will Drill in Greene County

Special to the Gazette
Paragould, Jan. 4.—Preparations for
drilling the test oil well on the Mc-
Daniel farm, three and one-half miles
southwest of the city, are rapidly
progressing. The drilling machinery
has been placed on the ground, and work
will start on the 5th. The weather
permits. A large reservoir was
completed yesterday, 10 tons being
delivered. The well will be
drilled by the Bowler Construction
Company, a Little Rock concern, Mr.
Brower being on the ground to super-
vise the work. The test will be put
down by the Volcanic Oil Company of
Canada.

READY TO SPUD IN 1922

Special to the Gazette
Paragould, Jan. 26.—The derrick for
the test oil well which is to be drilled
two and one-half miles southwest of
Paragould has been completed, and the
drilling machinery is in readiness for
operation. Standing in for
noon yesterday, but owing to the
fact that a gasoline engine failed to
start, the bit was positioned. Drilling
will start as soon as the engines work.

WELL DOWN 1,500 FEET

Test in Greene County Is Progressing
Satisfactorily, Driller Says.

Special to the Gazette
Paragould, July 16.—Mr. Brower,
head driller for the Bowler Well and
Construction Company, nearing a test
well two and a half miles southwest of
here, was in town yesterday morning,
and said he is pleased with the pro-
gress his crew is making. He said that
their crew is working regularly, drilling
good forward night and day.
The test it is reported, is down
approximately 1,500 feet.

TO DRILL IN GREENE

Canadian Firm's Temporary Site Is
Near Paragould

Special to the Gazette
Paragould, Nov. 22.—It is said that
the test oil well to be drilled in the
vicinity of Paragould by representa-
tives of the Volcanic Oil Company
of Niagara Falls, Canada, will be located
on the Alex McDaniel farm, four miles
southwest of the city. The drilling
machinery is on the Cotton Bell ad-
ing, having arrived several days ago
from Texas. The test will be sunk
by a Little Rock firm on contract, it
is said, and it is reported drilling will
begin soon after the first of the year.