

Men Before Machines



Jackson
Mine

THE FIRST OPEN PIT

The Jackson Mine started with fewer than a dozen men working the crude quarry. Some of the first to work here came from the tin mines of Cornwall. They brought double-jacking, a method for hand-drilling that required three men; two to hammer with sledges while a third--often just a boy--held the drill. Mining was dirty, dangerous, and backbreaking work.

