

24 MEN KILLED, 6 INJURED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Birmingham, Nov. 19.—Complete exploration of the Alabama Fuel Company's mine at Acton at which an explosion occurred yesterday, showed 24 men were killed and six hurt.

State mine officials today are investigating the cause of the explosion.

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The usual quota of men employed in mine No. 2 is 70, but the exact number at work when the explosion occurred is not certain. Mine officials said that a checking up of the mine records would be necessary before it could be learned definitely how many are still entombed.

The cause of the explosion has not been learned. That many of those entombed were killed by its force seems certain, as two men working near the surface at the time were blown several feet from the mine entrance.

Officials of the mine accompanied by rescue workers and surgeons hurried here from Birmingham, and tonight every effort was being made to reach the entombed men.

Mine No. 2, which is known as Acton mine, is comparatively new, and is one of the most productive in this district. It has a daily output of 300 tons. Officials of the company said that all equipment was first class.

Acton mine is 24 miles south of Birmingham on the Acton branch of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The mine has a single track slope and used an 18-foot fan with the split air system. J. G. Steele is superintendent of the Acton branch.