

EXPLOSION CAUSE IS BEING SOUGHT

Company officials Tuesday still were investigating the cause of a local gas explosion at Bradford Coal Mine of Alabama By-Products which killed three Negro miners and injured two others Monday, a company spokesman said.

Those killed were Jobie Cobb, 59; Ernest Coleman, 45, and Alonzo Tubbs, 40, and injured were Will Nash, 40, and B. Suddeth, 51. The injured men were taken to Norwood Hospital.

The explosion occurred, officials said, immediately after the night shift went into the mine, and the mine was not materially damaged.

Bradford is approximately 20 miles north of Birmingham.