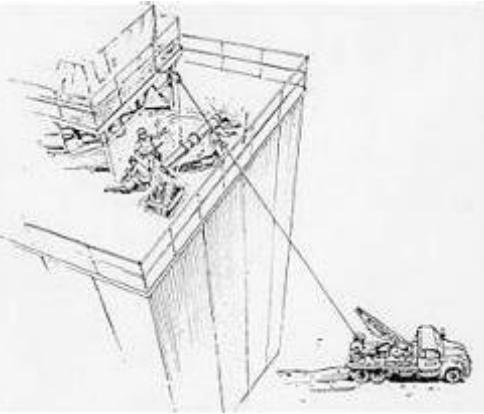


ACCIDENT REPORT FATAL FACTS

ACCIDENT SUMMARY No. 51

Accident Type:	Struck By	
Weather Conditions:	Clear/Cool/Windy	
Type of Operation:	Construction Maintenance	
Size of Work Crew:	3	
Collective Bargaining	Yes	
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No	
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	No	
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	Inadequate*	
Training and Education Provided:	No	
Employee Job Title:	Laborer	
Age & Sex:	33-Male	
Experience at this Type of Work:	18 Weeks	
Time on Project:	1 Day	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Employees were dismantling grain spouts at a grain elevator. Sections of the spout were connected by collars. A ten foot section of a spout weighing 600 pounds was being pulled through a vent hole by a 5-ton winch. As the spout was being pulled through the opening to the outside, the spout became wedged at the point where the collar was to pass through. Several employees used pry bars to free the collar which was under tension. The spout popped out of the vent striking and killing an employee who was standing beside the spout. * Employer provided but did not require use of hard hats.

INSPECTION RESULTS

As a result of its investigation, OSHA issued two citations alleging serious violations. The employee should have been able to recognize that this situation was hazardous. Additionally, the investigation revealed that this employee was not wearing personal protective equipment in this hazardous situation. Had he been wearing a hard hat this death might have been prevented.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTE: The case here described was selected as being representative of fatalities caused by improper work practices. No special emphasis or priority is implied nor is the case necessarily a recent occurrence. The legal aspects of the incident have been resolved, and the case is now closed.