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...In the late 1800s and early 1900s, miners came and went. Some were rewarded with great success while others experienced great tragedy. One famous miner who experienced both was "Wild" Bob Womack. In 1878, Wild Bob found a small piece of silver and spent the next ten years searching for its source. In 1889, he secured a grubstake and ten months later staked a claim on Beacon Hill, the El Paso Load. Due to the high degree of skepticism in the area, Womack's discovery was not taken seriously. Two years later, Womack sold the El Paso Load for a total of \$800. This was all the money that Womack would ever receive, and later died in poverty. The El Paso Load went on to vend over \$5,000,000. ...By the mid-1800s, railroad transportation had become mainstream in the lives of most miners and western settlers. Once of the biggest challenges for the railroad industry was forging through the mountainous terrain of Colorado. There were as many engineers in Colorado working on bridges as there were working in mines. One of the most famous of these projects was the Arrowhead Gorge Crossing. This bridge took eight years and cost the lives of over a dozen mountain workers. Ironically, the bridge was only in operation for five years when it was dismantled and reassembled in South Dakota in one of modern engineering's greatest feats.

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Secretary

Allan Childers, SS-356