OUTLINING PLAN — Harold Ussing, center, engineer with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, New Orleans, outlines for William D. Gooch, left, vice president, and J. C. Vorhoff Jr., right, president of the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District, plans for the locks which will open the last existing barrier of the Freshwater Bayou channel outlet to the Gulf of Mexico in Vermilion parish. The locks, specifications for which are an 84-foot gate, 610 feet long with a depth of 16 feet at mean gulf level, will be advertised for construction bids to be received May 11. When the lock is completed, only 1.27 miles will remain to be dredged to the gulf. There will be dredging in the gulf itself until the 12-foot contour line is reached. That is about two miles from the shore.

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