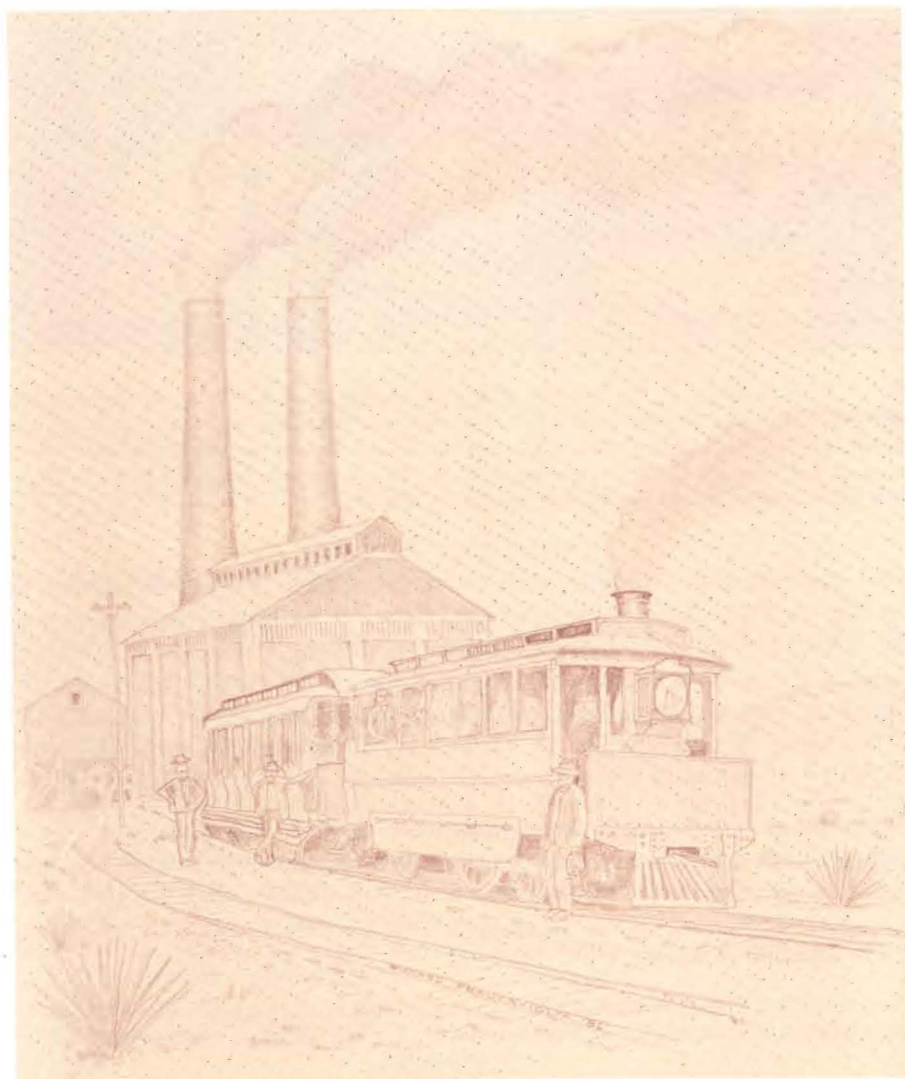


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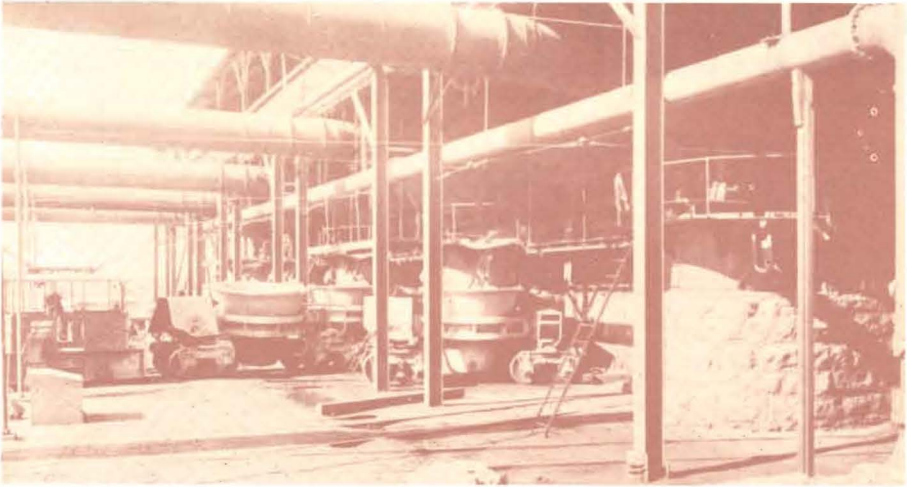
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# STREETCARS TO THE SMELTERS: AN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF THE DOUGLAS STREET RAILWAYS, 1902-1924

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*Fig. 1: From its inception, the economy of Douglas was geared to activity at the nearby copper smelters. Concentrated copper ore from the southwest and Mexico was smelted here, and then sent by rail to El Paso, where it was refined. Both smelters had an elaborate network of electrified railway trackage and were reached from the new city by the lines of the Douglas Street Railway. (Photo courtesy University of Arizona Special Collections, Tucson)*

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**On the Cover:** A Steam Dummy prepares to leave the Copper Queen smelter with an open car of the Douglas Street Railway in tow. The year is 1905, and within a year the line will be electrified. This sketch by author Richard Francaviglia is conjectural, based on photos of steam-powered street railway equipment and the Douglas copper smelters.

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