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1. Over 20,000 workers were recruited for the coal industry at the beginning of 1953. By 1 January 1954, approximately 8% of this number had moved to other industries in order to escape from coal mining because of the exhaustive nature of the work and the bad living conditions. 25X1
2. Excessive utilization of installations and technical equipment, as well as the bad quality of machines of Soviet origin, lower the extent of mechanization of work in the coal mines. For example, 3% of the machines put into service at the beginning of 1953 are not in working order now. 25X1

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