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It is virtually impossible to describe what one sees in something like this, and even the photographs cannot convey the impression one gets from being at the scene and personally viewing the damage. The damage varies from houses being loosened from their foundations(at the lower end of the hollow) to complete obliteration of whole settlements. Everywhere one looks, and in all directions, there are wrecked houses, tons of debris, black mud, and hundreds of mutilated automobiles. Near Lundale, I saw a railroad coal car that had been swept off the tracks and carried downstream. There was also a heavy steel railroad bridge which was about fifty yards down stream from its footings. Almost all of the highway bridges were gone and traffic was being maintained over temporary bridges erected by the National Guard engineers. The road is impassable to automobiles past Lorado, so I could not get to the dam itself.