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Description: The new station has an excellent view over the immense plains to the north where thousands of unevangelised people live. About 50 men are working on the building site, but the bulk of these are from Accra. He analyses the difficulty of getting a regular wage labour force in Anum. The Anums do not like work — they would sooner pay a debt by pawning a child as work to earn money to cover it. They are, in fact, rather idle. You see this in their food supplies - their own food only lasts for half the time between harvests, then they have to buy food from the Pekiya. The bulk of this labour force are working as carpenters and masons. They are Danish-trained, but he still needs to exercise constant supervision. Beams and planks are having to be brought from as far away as two hours. They have had a period when both were totally confined to bed.

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