

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

## Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



**CPRC meeting:** CPRC Approved 4/13/07  
FINAL Approved August 8, 2008

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**Name of Marker:** (Repeat title on both sides of marker)

**Ladies Auxiliary of Local 890, Mine Mill & Smelter  
(1951–1952)**

**County:** Grant County

**Review:**  Original Text/Replacement Marker  
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text  
 New Marker

**NMDOT District:** 1

**NMDOT Highway:** Intersection of NM 152 & 356

**Suggested Site for Installation:** Hanover-Fierro Intersection, SE corner:

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**Proposed Text:**

**Front of Marker**

After eight failed negotiating sessions and the expiration of their labor contract, Mexican-American workers at the nearby Empire Zinc mine struck for wage and benefit equality. When an injunction prohibited union members from picketing, the women—wives, mothers, sisters and daughters—took the union workers' places on the line.

**Word Count:** 50

**Back of Marker**

The “striking” women persevered despite life threatening situations, violence, incarceration and tension at home. Their determination made national news and resulted in the popular documentary film, *Salt of the Earth*. These courageous women not only survived in solidarity until the strike ended, but they commanded recognition as well as respect.

**Word Count:** 50

**Total word Count:** 97

**Previous Title and Text:**  N/A

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**Source(s):** The Silver City Museum. Museum Director and Archivist, Susan Berry; co-author of *Built to Last: An Architectural History of Silver City New Mexico*.

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**CPRC Comments:** Yes

**For Referral to:** NMHWMI; Dee Beingessner, NMDOT GO

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