

PRIVATE COALMINE.

On the slope of Bedwas Mountain, in Monmouthshire, is the entrance to a mine the National Coal Board didn't want. It has been abandoned in 1926, and was too small tawry about, the Board said. But miner Tudwal Davies had other ideas. He rented it for three and twopence a week - and now he works it with Thomas Scamfield and five other employees, including Reg Perry and Maurice Sellers.

Maurice Sellers is 62 - but he works as hard as the rest, and the mine produces over two tons of coal per man-shift - more than twice the average of the nationalised Welch pits! Not bad going for a mine nobody wanted. These men can earn up to £25. per week, at the coal face - and it's not surprising that the boss doesn't go into a job, because so many people pester him for a job!