In August 1983, work began on construction of the first phase of the outside railway transport system for the enterprises of the northern industrial centre. According to the timetable, the work was to have been finished in 1985. But the construction workers were only able to finish work valued at just over three million roubles, a shortfall of more than seven million roubles' capital investment. At Severnaya station they have not got around to laying three railway lines with an overall length of three and a half kilometres. And now the project has been put on hold:

They have also put off the equipping of four hundred metres of branch lines and three switches at Nizhnevartovsk-station. Because of this, rolling stock has to be unloaded twenty two kilometres from the station and the freight has then to be delivered to its destination by truck.

The causes of the situation which has developed seem to be clear. The capacity of Construction and Installation Enterprise No. 227, which is responsible for the construction and installation work, is obviously not adequate to meet the plans of the oil field workers and cannot provide for the completion of the necessary amount of work for the transport construction projects. Often, too, the installation workers contribute to the situation, when, in the first place, they try to "skim off the cream", that is, to take on the easiest jobs. The result of this shows: in 1986 only 492,000 roubles were invested in projects, instead of the planned 1,400,000 roubles. Only thirty five per cent of the allocated resources were used on the project. Last year only sixty nine per cent were used.