The Salt River flows through the box canyon, circa 1906, where Roosevelt Dam would soon begin to rise. Early site preparation work began.
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The Salt River and Arizona Canal in 1905.
This photo shows the area where Theodore Roosevelt Dam was built. The location originally called "The Crossing" by early Arizona pioneers was the place in the Salt River where Indians, farmers, and ranchers would ford the river. The site is situated in a narrow gorge a short distance below the confluence of the Salt River and Tonto Creek. Originally known as the Tonto Site, the natural dam location attracted the interest of Arizona farmers. A wagon, horses and people prepare to cross the river.


Date of photo: 1898