through the blocks. The top of the blade is far enough below the blocks so fingers of operators do not get cut accidentally.

A strip of masking tape on the wood base of the fixture serves as a guide; when a cord is pulled out to the tape, the required length of slit is obtained.

Air Cylinder Added to Spinning Lathe

THE OPERATION of anchoring insulating cardboard tubing on hermetically sealed paper capacitors in the Pyramid Electric Co. plant involves slipping the tubing over a unit, inserting the axial leads into the headstock and tailstock tools of a spinning lathe, then bringing the motor-driven tailstock up against the headstock to spin the cardboard smoothly over the ends of the metal housing of the capacitor. Both tools are driven at the same speed of 1725 rpm by independent motors. The friction between the stationary capacitor and the rotating tools at the instant of contact melts the impregnating wax in the housing, facilitating the inward flow of paper. The operator holds the capacitor body loosely with her fingers as the tools come together, and lets it loose to spin



Spinning lathe on which air cylinder has been installed for moving tailstock motor back and forth

