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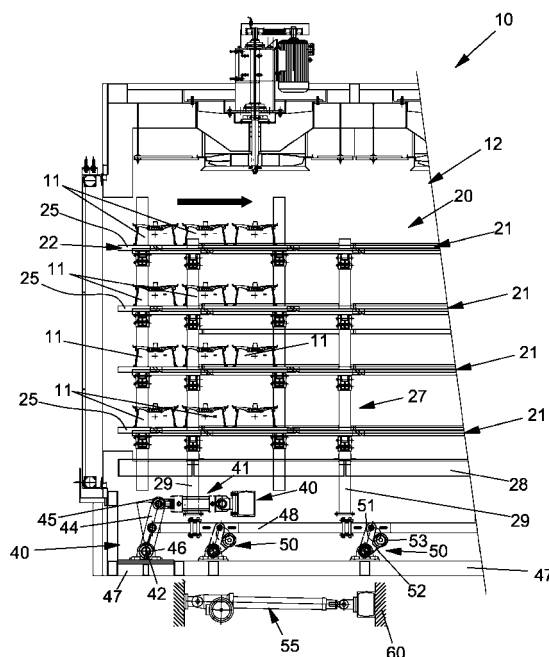
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(54) **Transport system of mechanical elements to be subjected to thermal treatment**

(57) A transport system (10) of mechanical elements (11) to be subjected to thermal treatment in a furnace (12) comprises a series of supporting modules (20) arranged in series, having at least two planes (21), in which each supporting module (20) comprises a fixed support-

ing section (22) and a moveable supporting section (23), the moveable supporting section (23) being activated by means of a mechanism (40) suitable for lifting it and moving it by a pre-established pitch so as to intersect the fixed supporting section.

Fig. 1A





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