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My dear Mr. Hayden:

My time was so fully occupied at both Flagstaff and Winslow that I did not have an opportunity to write you before I continued my journey eastward, and since nothing developed which required your immediate attention, I thought it best to defer writing you until I reached Washington.

The following is a brief resumé of my observations and what I heard during my two stop-overs:

FLAGSTAFF:

Arrived 1:05PM Sunday - left 10:05PM that evening. Was raining very hard at Flag so did not get around as much as I had planned. Called on Jack Ormond and Harry Embach, but they were both out of the city. Met our friend Murphy (formerly of Flag), who is now travelling auditor for the State. He freely admitted he was for you but was very much perturbed concerning the enthusiastic reception which he indicated was manifested towards Cameron by the stockmen at the hearings held in Prescott and Flag. He said he attended both meetings and that Ralph's open denunciation of the Forest Service at the hearings and his repeated use of that "Down with bureaucratic control" bromide, made quite an impression. However, I later learned from several people I talked to in Flagstaff and Winslow that Henry took considerable smoke away from Ralph in the addresses he delivered at the banquets which were held for the Committee in both Flag and Springerville. It appears when Ralph was called upon for a formal talk he promised everything, as usual, munched his words, did considerable gesticulating with his arms, but apparently did not convince any one that he had improved as a public speaker. Murphy also told me that while Ralph was in Prescott he endeavored to impress upon a number of the stockmen that while he was doing everything within his power to protect their interests by bringing his select committee to Arizona, Carl Hayden was with another committee headed by Steve Mather (can you beat that?), whose sole purpose in coming to Arizona was to further antagonize the livestock industry of our State. I was glad to have an opportunity to explain to Murphy the object of the Cramton Committee and why it visited Arizona, and emphasized to him in no uncertain terms the particular species of rat that Cameron is and how ~~damn~~ little we care what he has to say. He certainly is not fooling all of the stockmen, in fact, I met several who did not fall-for-his-rather-crude-bunk. Met

old lady Ashurst and talked with her a few minutes in Flag. While I was talking to her, Henry drove in from Springerville, but I did not have an opportunity to speak to him other than to exchange the usual greeting. She too, seemed to be all excited with the reception which was accorded to Ralph and appeared to be very much vexed that Cameron should be given all the publicity. I could have very easily told her how that irregularity might be corrected, but on reflection I decided to let her continue to think that she was a most sympathetic friend. She did, however, tell me that the Senator wrote to Oscar Irvine as he previously promised to do. I suppose she thinks I believe that also. Had a very pleasant visit with my old friend Col. Breen. He seemed a little worried as to the affect of a hard primary fight between Hunt and yourself. I told him that there should be no cause for alarm in that direction as you had played fair with Hunt in the last election, for which he personally thanked you, and that if Hunt actually decided to enter the race that it would be a clean fight. Furthermore that any sore-heads you might lose through defeating him would be more than offset by the loss to Cameron of the Heard organization, which I positively told him would not support Ralph. He seemed to be impressed with what I said to him. Fred is sure our friend and I think he will be able to do some very effective work when the proper time comes. He certainly is a smooth and shrewd individual. Also met Dr. Miller in Fred's office, who is one of your supporters. Late in the afternoon, I was talking to a young man by the name of Phelan, from Phoenix, who motored to Flag with Joe Prochaski. Several more Flagstaff boys were in the gathering when Phelan announced that he was 100% for you, and notwithstanding that Ralph might ship a couple of hundred thousand into the State next year, he was willing to gamble that your majority in Maricopa county alone would elect you U.S. Senator. An old friend of mind, Eddie Carrol, from Winslow (who entered the primaries for Secretary of State several years ago), was brakeman on the train which carried me to Flagstaff. He did not hesitate to tell me he was for you and against Hunt and that he would be glad to do anything we might suggest when the proper time arrives. In fact, he said he would make use of his annual leave in going around and espousing your cause.

WINSLOW:

Arrived 11:00PM Sunday. Saw Curl Bazzel before retiring. One of our best friends. Called on Sam Proctor early Monday morning. He expects to shortly announce his candidacy for the Lower House. He admitted that his relations with Hunt are rather strained, but he hopes to gather sufficient support from labor to receive the nomination. He likewise remarked that he heard you had an understanding with Windsor but in pressing him for the name of his informant he acted differently than Betts by stating that ~~xxxxxx~~ a Mr. Stroud or Strode, of Somerton, wrote him to that effect. I told him he should pay no more attention to any such bunk and talked to him in the same way as I did to Betts. He appeared to be perfectly satisfied

with what I said. Sam attended the Springerville barbecue but did not seem to think that Ralph got away with anything up that way as he felt that Ashurst occupied the whole stage. He said that Hunt served notice in his speech that he would oppose any one who was for the Colorado River Compact, and although Sam said he tried to ~~draw~~ catechize the old man later as to whether his remarks could be considered as indicative of his intention to become a candidate for the Senate, he was unable to get a definite expression from him. I gave Sam the same line of talk as I did Fred Breen, and further told him that it was my opinion that you got the full benefit of anti-compact opposition at the last election, so that there was no cause for serious worry in that respect. Sam did not think that the old man could control sufficient following to do you any damage in the event you were compelled to contest with him in the primaries. Bill Nagel, an old friend of mine, and an engineer out of Winslow, also attended the Springerville gathering. He said that Mrs. Marsh, of Nogales, approached him after Hunt talked and asked Bill in the event of a contest ~~with~~ between Hunt and yourself as to whom he would support. Bill said he disturbed her very much by saying he was unqualifiedly for you. Nagel said a number of other people there told her the same thing. It appears that she is one of the old boy's most active workers. Called on Colonel Burbage and still found him a strong Hayden supporter. Also visited Ed Sawyer and he said he appeared at the hearing in Flagstaff and testified that the majority of the stockmen were especially interested in having a Board of Appeals created, the question of being relieved of grazing fees was of minor importance. I explained the provisions of the Phipps bill to Ed when I met him in Phoenix several months ago and from what he said to me in Winslow I know that he did not act in a very belligerent manner in telling his story to the Committee. In fact, he did not make a very good witness for Cameron. Also Ed did not seem to agree with Murphy as to the alleged distinct hit that Ralph had made. Met a large number of my old friends who were glad to assure me of their support of your candidacy. Spent the evening at Ted Burbage's house and Ted asked several of the legislative members of the several railroad brotherhood to call and meet me, which they did. They all pledged their support, and since Ted is an old-timer around Winslow and is an intimate friend of most all the railroad men, he exhibited a willingness to do all within his power to further our cause. A very sincere friend of mine, Charley Bolin, one of the oldest conductors on the Second Division, was very much surprised to hear that Hunt had any ambition to run against you, and assured me that he would do his bit to spread the proper kind of gospel among the conductors in your behalf. My personal opinion is that you will give the old bird one grand trimming in Winslow. I found that Proctor does not stand very well with the railroad men, but of course I did not tell him that. Certainly sorry that I did not plan to spend more time in Winslow as I could have utilized several more days to good advantage.

REMARKS: I believe you should "spike" that infamous statement which Ralph made in Prescott, about your committee, in the next speech you make. Also you will note from the newspaper clippings I sent you yesterday that he is already claiming that his committee has been instrumental in having the grazing fees remitted for the last half of this year. Also it might be well for you to tell some of our friends in the stock business the real purpose which Ralph had in mind in ~~xxx~~ bringing the committee to Arizona, notwithstanding that there is a bill now pending which will practically cure all the evils about which elaborate testimony was taken in the late junket. Also that Cameron as Chairman of the Committee did not extend you the courtesy of a formal invitation to sit-in with the Senate members. If you wish me to write my friend Tony Johns, along the lines indicated, I shall be delighted to do so if you think it advisable.

Returned to the office the week before last and found everything in fine shape. My mother continues to be in pretty bad shape and it is an enigma to me how she lingers on. Where the heck does the mail come from? It continues to accumulate on every delivery. One day last week we wrote thirty letters between us before noon. The heat has been so terrific that we have been getting down at 8:00 in the morning and leaving early in the afternoon. I ~~am~~ am pleased to advise however that we are having more or less success in cleaning-up our pending file. Among the more important which have been favorably acted upon are the following:

The Internal Revenue Bureau came through on the application of the Under-Privileged Child Committee of the Kiwanis Club, of Tucson, for tax exemption on their vaudeville performance. I wrote the Bureau a pretty strong letter on my return, and much to my ~~surprise~~ surprise, they recognized the representations I made.

The Department of the Interior allowed the homestead entry of Adam C. Holt, of Laveen, which lands were originally withdrawn under the Roosevelt project. You will remember this was the last case we handled in Phoenix, Mr. Holt having paid \$1500 for a relinquishment a number of years ago, although the lands were not actually open to entry.

Pension Bureau approved claim of Saml Rhodes for \$30.00 effective from July-1924.

The young man that Attorney Langmade was interested in having discharged from the Army was given his release a few week ago.

Orson Cluff, of Mesa, was granted a pension at rate of \$20.00 per month from March 4, 1917. He sure has a very nice check coming to him.

Several more pension and compensation claims have been satisfactorily adjusted but I do not definitely recall them just now.

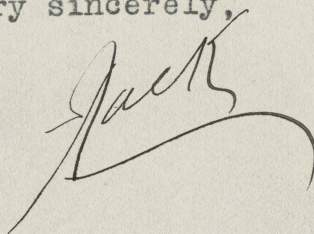
I called at the General Land Office in behalf of old man Windsor and decision is expected within the next several days. I wired him to that effect. Cameron ~~walk~~ asked for a postponement until July 6, but when I called on the Department ~~next~~ late in the afternoon of that day, he had failed to present any observations.

I also called on Asst. Commissioner Merritt regarding Sidney Osborne's lease. It appears that a very unfortunate complication has arisen in connection with same in that it has just been discovered that 80% of the land involved in this lease is unallotted Indian lands. Old man Duclos is responsible for this mess. Three ways have been suggested ~~to~~ whereby the present difficulty might be overcome. I wired Sidney accordingly.

This letter has the appearance of one of Mulford's missives to the Governor. However, I am much relieved in getting all of this out of my system.

Trusting that you had a very profitable trip and expressing the hope that you will now be able to enjoy a well deserved rest with Mrs. Hayden, I am,

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.