

Grand Canyon, Arizona, 1/27/19.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Hayden:- Your kind favor with enclosures is at hand. I also see by the papers that your Park bill is in the Conference Committees hands and of course will soon be in the hands of the President. I am very much pleased to know this fact as it cant be any worse under any circumstances than it has been in the Department of Agriculture. But as I have before stated, I am sorry to see so much useless land for Park utilities included in the boundaries. Of course it may be of benefit when asking for appropriations for developement work as it renders it possible to show an immense territory to be provided for. But what use a lot of scrub Cedars and Sage brush will be to this particular Park is more than most people can understand. But for myself I care but little. My past experience with the Forest Department has been to drive ^{me} out of business and deprive me of making a living for my family, and I am not able to school my children decently and my thirty years and more here of hard work and Canyon developement has all gone for nothing, and I am virtually driven to hardwork at my old age. I met Mr. Mathers here and about the first words he said to me was that I had been fighting the Santa Fe, and in his manner I was led to believe that my side of the case had not been considered in his deductions at all. But there is not one word of truth in that, and if I were permitted to make a showing I have documentary evidence to prove what I say. From the instance they took over the branch road and completed it from Anita to the Canyon they fought me, and even when I applied for the permission to construct my Stage Road to connect with the road they filed a protest at Washington, and I never did get a permit but built it through Geological Survey work. Howell Jones has hounded me every time I went to Washington and when I was before the Committee of Public Lands, when Lacy was chairman, he was the first man to meet me at the door and took occasion to make a very vigerous protest against my Charter for the wire cables I wanted to construct. He said it was a monopoly and that I was the only person ever known to cross the Canyon and had the only possible place it could be done, and his protest caused me to return for a short scession, and when I did succeed to get a favorable report by Dell to Lacy every time we tried to get unanimous consent in the Senate, Dell was the representative at that time as you will

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Later on they conceived a scheme to down me, and under pretext that they would help me they shipped my lumber and outfit in free to what was known as Bass Station and I put up a big house and Stables and invested over \$3,000 in the enterprise and as soon as I began to get a good patronage and they got the Hotel at the Canyon finished they would not stop their trains at my place any more but framed up a flimsy excuse that I had not kept my agreements with them. The House has stood empty ever since. That was what drove me up where I now live. But the straw that broke the old Camels back was when they began to use their influence with the Forest Office at Albuquerque, and got the order that I could not go down Bright Angel Trail, nor within 100 feet of the Rim of the Canyon to solicit the guests. In addition to this they put the fee up over two hundred percent for every team and Auto I was running and I had to quit. And now they call this fighting the Santa Fe. These are only a small percentage of the dirty little schemes they put up, but what is the use of repeating them now only to let you know the truth. But this letter is not for anyone but you and not for the Park Service. But a good healthy protest is sometimes a good ventilator of actual conditions, and may have helped to get what now seems to be a more reasonable measure, and I hope it may prove to be all we could wish. But it will require quite a number of people to handle it and I believe I can fill some one of the demands better than any green man they may wish to place, and if you can help me to secure anything whereby I can earn a living here I will be very thankful for the favor. There is a vast number of things that are not known by anyone but myself that could be used to very great advantage and should be utilized. But until I can know what is to be the policy here I must remain subjective. It is claimed that the Rail Road will dictate the whole thing. But that is impossible, so far as I can see. I have constructed many miles of Trails and no one but myself has put in a dollar to help me, and if the Park Service will give me a show I can bring lots of people here that otherwise would not come. I have hundreds of slides and could go out and organize parties, and also open up other attractions and points of interest here. Mathers said he intends to open more Auto roads to make it accessible, and if he does Bass Camp will be the most desirable point to visit that way. I have not gone on with my farming as I proposed, as I don't know where the lines are to be, and am too old to take any more chances as I did with the Forest service. Please send me a copy of the bill w

With kind regards, Sincerely yours