

Phoenix, Arizona,

October 12, 1915.

Mr. W. W. Bass,

Grand Canyon, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Bass:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 9, addressed to me at Flagstaff, and beg to say that I have informed the Officers of the Arizona Good Roads Association that it will be impossible for me to attend the Convention at Flagstaff, and, therefore, I am at a loss to understand why the announcement was made that I would be present and address the meeting.

I spent the months of July and August in northern Arizona, and it will be impossible for me to go north again before I return to Washington. I expect to leave here in the near future on an automobile trip over southern Arizona, and it will take about a month for me to visit the various places where I promised to meet people.



I would be very glad to accept your kind invitation to visit your camp, but under the circumstances there is no way in which I can do so. Personally, I am not in favor of the creation of a National Park at the Grand Canyon unless ample opportunity is given to develop the water power and mineral resources of the Canyon. The rights of those who are now grazing live stock on this area must also be protected.

I understand that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture have reached a tentative agreement respecting this legislation, though I have not been informed as to the details of the plan. You can be sure that I shall promptly furnish you with all available information whenever the matter comes up for consideration in Congress.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,