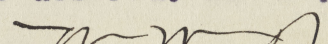


Grand Canyon, Arizona, July 3rd. 17.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Hayden:- Your kind favor enclosing your Park Bill is at hand and will receive my best attention a little later on. I am up against a hard proposition here just now and am sending you a copy of an order the Forest Service has seen fit to impose upon me with. If it is not a colation with the two Corporations we have here I am not a judge of Forest requirements. Read the enclosed paper carefully and decide for yourself. The Harvey people and Santa Fe have been hounding me for years and I have held my own with them quite well but if I am not to be permitted to meet the visitors here at all but must pay these exorbitant prices they are now demanding I cant see where I can accept the terms and live. I must not speak to them within 100 feet of the Canyon Rim and must give a Bond of \$5,000 to not maim or kill them and then help keep up the roads on a basis of \$185,000 outlay, and also the public road to Grand View which is the only way Autos and all public travel can go east from here. I am told by our Supervisers that the County pays for its repairs and yet by this order I must pay \$40,00 for a small Auto and \$80,00 for a large one if I use this Road, and it is impassable usually from December to May on account of snow. Now I dont object to giving bonds and paying a reasonable percent of my actual receipts for the use of this Hermit Rim and Vavapai Drive at all but do most vigorously protest against ^{not} seeing my patrons and others on the rim where they walk to see the Canyon, and learn what is possible about it. Remember I am enjoined by Judge Perkins from going on the Rail Road land to solicit any one and we are told that the road between the Post Office and our School House is not public and I am hounded off from there every time I even answer a question a visitor may wish to ask. No one is permitted to ask a friend to join them on a ride with me if on their grounds at all but are told they will be arrested. I was granted a permit to conduct a Livery Business where my house is here ~~about~~ 1/2 mile from the Hotel, and I paid my usual fee for the present year, but right in the middle of the year comes a Forest Officer to cut that all out and demand \$40,00 cash for the balance six months. But the most ridiculous part is that I have been defendant in their case against Cameron over the Cape Horn Mining Claim at the hear of the Bright Angel Trail where they granted me a permit to build my office for the purpose of meeting my patrons, and where they could prepare for the Trail Trip. Now, I am told that it was an "Administrative Mistake" and I cannot be permitted to occupy the land even though the case is decided in my favor. I bought lumber and put men to work when the injunction was served and I had to move off, and since that time have been dragged to court at their own command, and the various courts, for nearly four years and they were to pay all expenses and defend the case. I was also given a ~~quantity~~ bond of two thousand dollars to indemnify me for losses. The case is now in the supreme court and I am still their defendant. The County owns the Trail but I will have to pay the forty dollars for every unit (meaning 4 saddle animals) if I use the Trail. Please think this over and then read the Rail Roads Charter which I believe comes under the act of Congress passed in 1866. It says nothing about Livery and Commercial Business and was to be for the use and convenience of the public, and not as an agent for to be used by any one to monopolize the patrons and keep them from doing what they wanted to. Now Carl, I have also taken this matter up with Ashurst and he has all the papers in my appeal and I believe has been to see the Secretary about it but I want you to talk the case over with him and help me all you can to get justice. Also, think over what is to become of us fellows who have all these building on the proposed Park and no claim only a years permit, that can be canceled in six month or even less if so desired. These may not be considered a valid title.

Sincerely yours, 

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It may be well to add that I am the only one here now that does a Livery business under their permit, except it may be Harvey. The Kolb Brothers are ordered to move 100 feet away from the Rim of the Canyon and dare not solicit business for their show or other business where they are at all. It would ruin them to carry out such a drastic order as this and also rob the visitors of one of the unique attractions at an hour when the Canyon is lost to view, (A picture show of a canyon trip down the entire gorge from Green River to the Gulf.)

We have plenty of evidence to convince anyone that the entire scheme to run us both out was concocted at the instance of the corporation managers. Who was the principal guests at the Wedding of the Daughter of A. G. Wells and why is it that Forest Officers get such marked and constant attention while here. I could give you names of some very prominent parties right in Washington who were not permitted to pay a cent while here although they protested vigorously against being placed under any obligations to them. The order came from Kansas City to not take their money. These people are very friendly to Independent action in every form and to be asked to jump into the regulation rigs and ride out with a driver that is not at all interested in showing them this marvelous Canyon and don't even know anything about its many interesting and instructive features is not satisfactory to them and when they try to find those who do know what they wish to get they are not permitted to do in many cases. Come out and see for your self and I will gamble you will not approve of the way they do business here.