

*Park Service*

June 11, 1924.

Mr. X. N. Steeves,

Williams, Arizona.

My dear Steeves:

I hope that you will pardon the long delay in acknowledging the receipt of your letter but I have been so occupied with the public business of the late session of Congress that I was compelled to neglect my correspondence. No doubt you have noticed in the newspapers that the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Interior Department appropriation bill so that the legislation authorizing the purchase of the Bright Angel trail and the construction of a road from the National Old Trails Highway to the Grand Canyon National Park is now a law. The amendment does not specify where the approach road shall lead the Old Trails Highway and the Secretary of the Interior is free to negotiate upon any basis that is satisfactory to Coconino County. *(Gramm* Since ~~the~~ County is primarily interested in where the approach road shall be located I am sure that the Secretary of the Interior will be willing to agree to any proposition that is submitted to him because his *only* ~~primary~~ concern is that there shall be *an improved* highway from some point on the Old Trails route to Grand Canyon whereby automobile tourists may visit the Park. Whenever



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the people of Coconino County agree upon what they want to do, the rest will be easy.)

I shall remain in the East until after the Democratic National Convention in New York. I believe that the next President of the United States will be nominated at Madison Square Garden and I want to see how it is done.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you when I return to Arizona, I remain, with kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,