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Hon. Carl Hayden,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;;

In re Grand Canyon National Park Bill; I have noted your favor of the 11th. inst. and called on the Board of Supervisors and talked the matter over with them as well as examining the map and proposed bill to create a Park of the Grand Canyon.

The Supervisors seem to be against any Park at all, but I am heartily in favor of a Park under proper limitations. The only valid reason I can see for any Monument or Park for the Grand Canyon is the prevention of a monopoly of facilities and camp grounds necessary to enable the public to view the Canyon. Otherwise the puny hand of man could make no appreciable defect in the scenery through mining, water power or stock grazing activities.

The proposed boundaries cover entirely too much country and from a grazing point of view, would do immeasurable harm as the country around the rim is the haven of stock during the winter when owing to the heavy snows on the "mountain," the cattle drift north to the warmer belt near the Canyon. The cattle which do not get into the Canyon certainly do it no harm even if they graze to the Rim.

I note that the East line has been extended one mile east. As the rim at that point is part of the barren Painted Desert and our mining company the only party interested in that region, I can see no use in changing from the old Monument line, which was well back from the rim.

As far as mining is concerned, I believe if a fair examination is made of the resources of the Canyon as suggested in my recent letter that the government will see the injustice of withdrawing the minerals from entry, especially in view of the probability of the great need of all kinds of ores if the European war is prolonged or more so if we enter any war ourselves. The mineral belt spoken of is far from the tourist region and if some of our great Arizona plants were placed in the Canyon they would scarcely be discernable. Development of any kind in the Canyon means added facilities such as trails, roads, tramways and bridges for the public to explore this great wonder, for we can not expect much in this line from the government and if the present trails and roads are all that we may expect for tourist purposes, the restricted district need only take in a small area near the present hotels.

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In re Water Power, I hope that whether the proposed Leasing Bills are passed or not, that the use of the available power in the Canyon will be exempt from the restrictions of the Park Bill. The water certainly cannot be removed from the canyon and as soon as it passes through turbines would be returned to the river with no detriment to reclamation projects below the Canyon. The water power situation in the Canyon has no parallel with Niagara Falls or any other natural beauty point which derives its beauty solely from water, the Colorado River is but a tiny ribbon as seen from the rim and any water power plants would be still smaller, and as the River is a very minor point in the scenic grandure of the Canyon, I do not believe that this part of the country should be made to suffer for lack of development for the benefit of the rest of the United States, and especially so when water development would not deter in any way the views and would be a positive help in assisting those who make it possible for the tourist to see this great gorge. With electric power available, railroads would soon be built which would bring far more of the Canyon within reach of the traveling public than is now possible. As I wrote Secretary Houston last summer, it would indeed be a paradox to require us to use oil engines in the bottom of the Canyon within stones throw of this potential stream.

In closing let me urge that the Dept. of the Interior make a thorough personal examination of this district before attempting to set the boundary lines and restrictions on this Park. It is very easy for them to sit in their offices in Washington and shift lines a few inches on paper which will mean miles on the ground with benefit to no one and great detriment to many in this part of Arizona. Supervisor Woolfolk has left today for the Canyon to look over the situation out there and will no doubt report to you, thanking you for your interest in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. D. Dawson