

July 3, 1918.

Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mather:

I enclose herewith a copy of some amendments that I have prepared to the Grand Canyon National Park Bill. I obtained the data for the first amendment from the Geological Survey, and the second one is made at the suggestion of the Forest Supervisor at Williams. You are already familiar with the necessity for making the correction on page 5, line 4.

After talking with the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, I decided that it was best to strike out all of Section 3 so as to conform with the terms of the Sundry Civil Act, approved June 12, 1917, with respect to the Revenues of the National Parks. I have drawn the substitute section to conform with the wishes of the Superintendent of the Havasupai Reservation, who was afraid that the rights of his Indians would be disturbed.

The more I think about it the more I am convinced that it is wise to provide that the Secretary of the Interior

may have authority to grant rights of way for railroads within the Park. Whenever the money is raised to construct a railroad into the north side of the Canyon it should be unnecessary to await the passage of a special act of Congress before such a right of way can be granted. I also think it best that the Executive order regarding the Grand Canyon National Monument should be revoked.

I shall be obliged if you will look over these amendments and let me know what you think about them.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

M. C. Arizona.