

G. C. Matt. Parks

May 7, 1917.

Mr. W. W. Bass,
Grand Canyon, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Bass:

I am just in receipt of your letter of April 30, and regret to say that I still do not understand just what you want to have done with the Grand Canyon. Either the Canyon remains a National Monument, or a bill must be passed changing it to a National Park. Do you prefer that the present National Monument remains undisturbed, or would you see a National Park Bill passed? It is a condition and not a theory which confronts us, and it is needless to say that I am as anxious as any one in Arizona to see the conditions at the Canyon made as favorable as possible to the people of our State. It was with the idea of improving the present conditions that I favored the passage of a National Park Bill, and will be greatly obliged if you will suggest specific amendments if you believe that any legislation of this kind should be passed. There is a strong sentiment in Congress in favor of the creation of a National Park at the Grand Canyon, and it is useless for me to appear before the Public Lands Committee with vague and general objections. You can be great service to me if you will state exactly what modifications should be made in the bill by supplying the language of the amendments which you think ought to be made.

With kindest regards, I am,
Yours very sincerely,

P. S.

I shall be glad to talk with Mr. L. F. Nobles, of the Geological Survey, in regard to this matter at an early date.