

grand canyon, Arizona, April 9th. 18.

Mr. Harry Welch,  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

My Dear Welch:- I hope I am not intruding on you valuable time by asking you to not delay sending in that protest relating to Ashursts Park Bill. For some reason not appairent to many of us he is pushing it vigerously at a time when Congress should be left to war measures and not to tieing up our taxable resources promiscuously, as is the case in his bill. I see the Committee on Public Lands has reported favorably on it and it may come up for passage in the Senate, if he can make another of those drastic speeches he did on his Indian Bill, the other day, so we must get Carl to see that we get time to investigats a little, which we can do if it is held up until next scession. There is no imperative reason why they need to pass it just now, only for fear that negociations now under way may open up some of the many industries possible, and keep the Santa Fe from dictating all the Canyon for I,000 square miles. The Rail Road from the north is now under survey and will be built, in order to get the Spruce and Fir for Government uses, and also develope some large copper deposits. I leave for that side to day to be away for some time and will depend on getting results from my efforts in various directions, to head this scheme off until we can get some reasonable consideration in any Park Bill that will eventually pass.

Thanking you in advance for this consideration,  
I am, Sincerely yours,

*W. M. Bass*