

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY COMMISSION

FORUM BUILDING  
SACRAMENTO

November 29, 1919.

Colonel Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Colonel Fletcher:

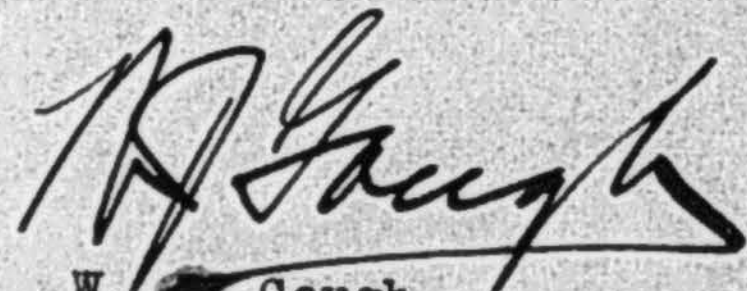
Some time ago I placed an application for the position of Highway Engineer before your Board, addressing same to the President of the Board under the impression that you occupied such a position and would so get first hand information.

Mr. Davidson of the Southern Trust and Commerce Bank informs me that someone other than you is President or Chairman, so, for your information I enclose herewith a copy of the application.

I believe considerable special information I have secured from having come frequently in contact with all phases of road building in this State, plus the good wishes from all and entre' to data procurable at these Headquarters, will be of material assistance in making the county's bond money go a long way.

I have talked with Mr. Fletcher, the State Highway Engineer here, concerning the appointment and he tells me his efforts towards securing it have already been enlisted to the support of a Mr. Morton, but that the entire work will probably be done under the direction of the present County Surveyor--provided the latter statement is true, I feel it would not be worth the while for me to accept the job provided I were given the opportunity, otherwise anything you can do to help my cause in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
W. Gough

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November 19, 1919.

To the Board of Highway Commissioners,  
San Diego County,  
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Understanding you are to shortly appoint a Highway Engineer to proceed with the work intended for execution under the recent County Bond Issue, I wish to place myself before you with a view of securing such.

As an index to my previous activities, I submit the following: Am 36 years old, have a Technical Education, C. E. Baltimore Polytechnic Institution, Baltimore Md., am a Member the American Society of Civil Engineers, have had six years experience on railroad construction as Locating, Resident and Division Engineer--the latter two positions being in charge of supervising the grading and concrete work--four years as Assistant Engineer in charge of maintenance on Steam and Street Railways for the Spreckels Cos., and for four years preceding my entry into military service in the summer of 1917, I was Engineer--Superintendent for the E. S. Babcock properties consisting of manufacturing Salt Works, Transportation Lines and Ranch Properties, all located in San Diego County. Since being discharged from the army in March 1919, I have been in charge of the State Highway Commission's construction equipment throughout the State, the same including all excess war equipment being allotted us by the U. S. Government.

Being aware of the financial conditions under which your bond issue is proposed to be spent, and as an Executive having had considerable training along economic lines, I deem myself especially well fitted to fill the position; also my property holdings in San Diego prompt my personal interest.

For reference, I can direct you to Mr. A. B. Fletcher, State Highway Engineer, Sacramento; Colonel Richard Park, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. K. Bowen, Acting Chief Engineer, Pacific Electric Railway, Los Angeles; Mr. E. S. Babcock, Mr. B. M. Warner, and Mr. A. Ervast of San Diego; also I can refer you to Mr. G. Aubrey Davidson and Mr. W. R. Rodgers of San Diego.

Yours very truly,

Present Address:  
c/o State Highway Commission,  
Sacramento, Cal.  
or  
2749 - 2nd St., San Diego.

2 December 1919

Mr. H. J. Gough,  
c/o State Highway Commission,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of November 29th,  
will say that Mr. Morton was appointed a week  
or so ago, and his appointment confirmed by  
the Board of Supervisors.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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