

United States Senate,  
COMMITTEE ON  
EXPENDITURES IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

August 19, 1912

Mr. William S. Post,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Post:

As the law does not allow a United States Senator to practice in any of the departments, there is nothing I can do to assist you in the matter referred to in your letter affecting the rights of Murray and Fletcher. Besides, I see by the letter from Mr. Dennett, the Commissioner of the Land Office, that the matter is taking its regular course.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Works*  
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UNITED STATES SENATE  
Dec. 7, 1929.

My dear Mr. Simons:

I have received and noted carefully your letter of December 5. I shall be glad to do everything I can for the location of the Naval Lighter than Air Base at Camp Kearney near San Diego.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,  
(sgnd.) Morris Sheppard.

Mr. E. R. Simons, Gen'l. Mgr.  
Chamber of Commerce,  
EL PASO, TEXAS.

December Nineteenth,  
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Hon. Park Trammell,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Trammell:

I appreciate Mr. Wernicke's letter to you under date of the thirteenth.

You will no doubt remember our little meeting at Pensacola after making the transcontinental trip. I made that trip only at the request of the Chamber of Commerce and in the interest of National Highways.

The time is coming, I hope, in the near future, when you will make the trip over a paved highway from ocean to ocean - the Old Spanish Trail.

There is a certain sentiment connected with the Old Spanish Trail that is historic and should never be forgotten. It means early history, the Mission Fathers and the route connects up all the Missions across the continent over the only route free from snow. I promise you a real welcome if you ever get to San Diego.

San Diego is fighting against great odds. We have a remarkable naval base here which includes the Marine Base, Naval Training Station, Destroyer Base, Naval Air Base, the Submarine Base, the Naval warehouse, Naval Hospital and no city in the United States has given as San Diego to the Navy to encourage their location in San Diego. We now need the lighter-than-air base, and logically so, we believe.

Original mailed to Hal Hotchkiss

UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on Naval Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

Dec. 27, 1929.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant in behalf of San Diego for the lighter than air base and wish to assure you that when this subject is taken up for disposition I will be pleased to consider what you have to say. I recall quite pleasantly meeting you at Pensacola when you were making the trans-continental trip. Hope that I may have an opportunity to visit in your section of the country some time.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Park Trammell

Every Naval Committee, excepting one, for the last ten years has recommended San Diego for the dirigible base.

Secretary of the Navy, Adams, has also recently recommended San Diego but San Francisco keeps on fighting.

Anything that you can do for us will certainly be appreciated and you can always count on San Diego going to the mat for Florida on any proposition that means a general benefit.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

WIAK

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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