

July
28th
1920

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
115 Fraser St.,
Santa Monica, Calif.

My dear Mansfeld:

Have received word from El Paso, Texas that they want to race this November to Tucson, Ajo Yuma and San Diego.

What is the name and initials of the County Highway Commissioner who lives at Ajo, a mighty fine chap who treated us "white" when we were there. He is one of your commissioners.

Do not give any publicity to this, but will Tucson cooperate? And Ajo as well, in your opinion? Let me hear from you by return mail, please.

I don't want to start things here in San Diego and not put them thru, but El Paso is sick of Phoenix and have made up their minds they want to play the game with San Diego.

Yours very truly,

EF:KIM

September 20th, 1919.

Mr. Monty Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Mansfeld:-

Enclosed find clipping, which is self-explanatory, and may be of interest.

Yours very truly,

EF/LCV



MONTIE MANSFIELD

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August 3, 1922.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
Fletcher Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fletcher:

I am in receipt of communication from Mr. F. Allison in which he states you have earnestly urged that we present petition to the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, for the completion of the Tucson, Yuma, San Diego road. As you well know, we have this petition on hand with more than sufficient signatures, but I do not believe that we can present same at this time on account of legal obstacles which would prevent the floating of the bonds should they be voted.

The taxable wealth of our County is not as large as last year and due to this condition, we find ourselves already bonded over the legal limit of 4% of the wealth. However, do not let this discourage you as we are endeavoring to find means to overcome this obstacle and our program will eventually be carried to a successful conclusion, although at not as early a date as we would like.

For your information I might state that we have organized a propoganda committee to combat the passage of the two and a half million road bond issue contemplated at the coming election from Phoenix to Blythe and believe we will snow it under. At the same time this committee is working very hard to see the early completion of the road from Rodeo to Yuma via Tucson and Phoenix as promised by the Governor and State Engineer in the early part of April. Confidentially, politics are playing a very large part in the road program and I doubt whether we will be able to secure the designation of this as a primary road until after the election.

Kindly treat this letter confidentially, as I know you will, and accept my very best wishes for your continued success.

Yours very truly,

Montie Mansfield

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August 7, 1922.

Mr. Monte Mansfield,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mansfield:

Mighty glad to get your letter of the 3d and the information therein contained. The letter will be kept confidential.

I sent state engineer Maddock and his wife in my machine from San Diego to Yuma in 6 hours and a half hours last Sunday, and Maddock came out very enthusiastically for my San Diego-Yuma road.

Glad to know that you are going to kill the Phoenix to Blythe 2-1/2 million dollar bond issue.

With kind personal regards. I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

September 6, 1922.

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mansfeld:

I was mighty glad to get your letter of the 1st. The Auto Club of Southern California has never authorized or allowed the creation of any branch organizations, and I am afraid it is out of the question.

There is, however, a plan for your consideration. Two weeks ago, at my request, the Chamber of Commerce, invited representatives of all the organizations in the city to meet at the Chamber of Commerce. There I outlined a plan to them of an organization along the borderland route, the plan being as follows:

That a three-year contract be signed with each commercial organization in each town interested, from El Paso to San Diego, whereby a definite monthly payment was assured to maintain and man and machine continuously on the road between San Diego and El Paso, Albuquerque, and later on, possibly, to Fort Worth and Kansas City, putting out literature in all the hotels and garages, and getting all kinds of publicity. Having his headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce of each city, and having the organization take the responsibility for seeing that there is a sufficient number of gas and oil stations, also restuarants along the route, particularly across the desert, and showing on our circulars, or literature, the locations for such supplies, distances, etc, and particularly and principally to get all the garages to boost for the Southern route. This should include Phoenix, and letting the tourist take his choice of routes either by Superior and Globe to Phoenix and thence to Yuma, or via Douglas, Bisbee and Tucson, Ajo to Yuma.

We had a fine meeting. They unanimously endorsed my plan, and I asked for a representative of one from each organization to act on our committee. The committee was appointed, representing the Hotel Men's Ass'n, Merchants Ass'n, Material Men's Ass'n, Clearing House Ass'n, Chamber of Commerce, Auto Trades' Ass'n, Auto Trucking Ass'n.

I asked for \$1,000 and it was immediately subscribed by these associations. This fund is going to be used in creating

an organization such as I have outlined, and I am writing you this letter in strict confidence, and I want to know what you think of it and what suggestions you have to make.

I am sure I can get Imperial Valley to go and do likewise. Above all things, we want to kill that \$2,500,000 bond issue to Blythe, for we feel it is simply paralleling an existing road that is already financed to Yuma and San Diego and Los Angeles, and there is no use placing an added burden on the people of Arizona to build and maintain a parallel route, particularly as the route via Yuma materially benefits and develops Arizona, while the route via Blythe is across an unbroken desert for 150 miles. The saving in distance does not warrant it.

Please keep this letter confidential and let me know what you have in mind, and what you think of my plan.

Very sincerely yours,

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COLONEL ED FLETCHER

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EXPECT TO HAVE A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN BANK TONIGHT WORKING QUIETLY FOR ANOTHER THOUSAND WILL TALK TO BUXTON THIS AFTERNOON NO PUBLICITY OF ANY KIND HERE

MONTE MANSFELD.

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October
Seventeenth
1923

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Mansfeld:

Inclosed find confidential letter from
Buxton.

Let me know what the real facts are.
How about that Benson, Tombstone, Lordsburg Cut-off?
What are they doing toward rushing that work?

If you still need Douglas and Bisbee on the
Casa Grande-Gila Bend Cut-off, I might be able to help
you. Perhaps you don't want them.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AH

*Julia
Barnes
Mrs W.S.C.
Conrad
Mrs. [unclear]
Whitson
W.C.*

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January 16, 1924.

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Monte:

You must get in behind the Casa Grande Gila Bend Cut-Off a little stronger - you fellows from Tucson. This road is vital in order to force Phoenix to come down to Gila Bend and Yuma with a paved road. I know you want to go to Phoenix as it is the state capital, but when you want to go to Los Angeles and San Diego you may as well save 92 miles and make this cut-off, and it seems to me it means more to Tucson than any other town along the border.

With kind personal regards, and hoping to see you soon, I am

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

cc - Mrs. Clements
Mr. Smith

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AND
Fordson
TRACTOR

MONTE MANSFELD

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January 30, 1924.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
Fletcher Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Col. Fletcher:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor enclosing newspaper clipping and photographs of the highway markers. I certainly am glad to see that the people of San Diego have awakened to the valuable work which you have been doing for them in showing their appreciation by the placing of a tablet in the milestone erected in San Diego as a tribute to your worthy efforts. If we had one Col. Fletcher for each state in the Union, our road problems would be solved.

I am glad to learn that yourself and party will be leaving San Diego on the 6th for a trip over the Gila Bend and Casa Grande road and your request that we meet you at Casa Grande. I would be pleased to have you wire me your itinerary, inasmuch as you state in a P.S. at the bottom of your letter that your address would be Hotel Adams on Tuesday. I was just wondering if you were going to Phoenix first or were going to run up from Gila Bend to Casa Grande before going to Phoenix.

I met Mr. Watkins, Secretary of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce at our annual Chamber of Commerce banquet here day before yesterday and during the course of the conversation he showed me a type written program that had been adopted by the Road Committee of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and as usual, the program had but one thing in mind, and that as ever before, and I presume as it will ever be, was PHOENIX. I asked Mr. Watkins how they expected our good friends in Cochise County, who incidently are the second largest tax payers in the State of Arizona, would be reconciled to such a program as his Road Committee had outlined, and his reply was "that they did not figure they had to reconcile any one" - truly a Phoenician answer, and Watkins being a new man in the Salt River Valley has certainly wonderful ability for acquiring the habits of the country, or assuming them as it were.

The program called for a north and south road from Nogales to the Grand Canyon, with which I think the whole State of Arizona agrees as it is badly needed, and then an east and west

Col. Fletcher # 2.

road through the central part of the State from the East to Phoenix and hence to Yuma and another road from the Springerville country to the central route also to come into Phoenix.

I do not blame Phoenix for wanting all the roads that they can get, but before entering into new pacts and agreements, it might be well for them to fulfill the old ones. I firmly believe the Blithe road proposition is dead and that the people of the Salt River Valley at last realize the impossibility of the completion of their project for many years which I know will be good news to you, who have put so many years into hard work to have the travel come via Yuma where it really belongs.

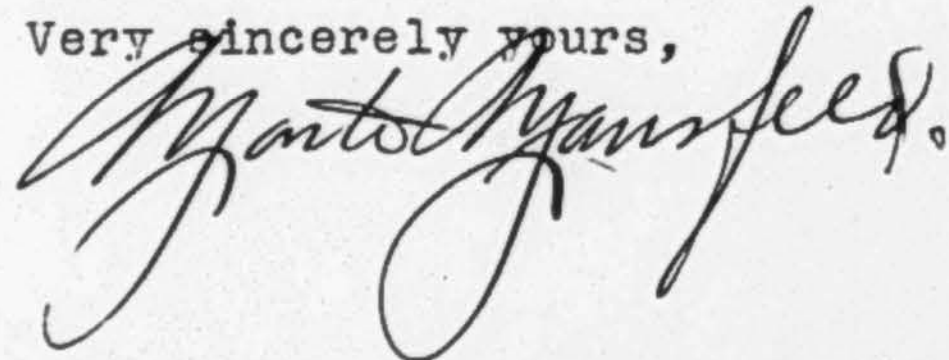
The road proposition from Casa Grande to Gila Bend is coming along nicely, in fact, I might say wonderful, considering the very meager finances that Smith has had to work with. The road is not a good road, nor can we expect it to be at this time, but it is laying a foundation by establishing a right-of-way which in time to come will have to be recognized and ultimately result in the construction of a first class A type dirt road built on the present foundation of the rough grade now being constructed.

I selected a group of Motor Trades men from Tucson who travel over this road from here to Gila Bend, picking Smith up at Casa Grande and then returning via Gillispie Dam and Phoenix. I was detained at the last minute and could not accompany this group of men, but received a report at our monthly meeting last night. The road is not a boulevard; in fact, it is rough, but I did not expect anything else and cannot unless sufficient funds have been provided for better construction.

Please advise me exactly your contemplated trip and I will be very pleased to join you at some point and talk over road matters and have the pleasure of your company for a few hours.

With very best personal regards, beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



MM/M

cc - Mr. White
Mr. Gault
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hall

February 8, 1924.

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Monte:

Inclosed find copy of confidential letter to Mr. Clements, that is explanatory.

We really need a fund of \$3,000 to put that road in shape.

I was amazed to see what Smith has accomplished. Don't make the trip over the road for ten days or two weeks, until Smith tells you to. It is the greatest piece of road work for the least money that I ever saw in my life.

I made the trip from Tucson to Gila Bend in five hours and fifteen minutes running time, and only two hours and fifteen minutes from Maricopa to Gila Bend.

We will have every foot of the road built Goodman says, Gila Bend to Yuma by the 30th of June next. It is 262 miles Tucson to Yuma. Our running time was ten hours and when the roads are in good condition we will make it easily in eight.

I thank you kindly for your many courtesies, and we are going to give you a real time when you come to San Diego.

Sincerely,

your friend,

EF:AH

P. S. I don't advise any publicity whatever.

cc - Mr. Smith

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February 27, 1924.

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mansfeld:

What is being done towards raising the fund promised for the Casa Grande-Gila Bend road? Have you sent any money over to Clements yet?

El Centro has already sent \$500, Yuma about \$200 and the balance of the money pledged is needed at an early date.

Let me hear from you at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

March 18, 1924.

Mr. Monte Mansfeld,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mansfeld:

For the love of Mike, why didn't you boys come across and send that money over to Casa Grande as promised?

I got a copy of a letter written to A. H. Condron by Smith. You had better read it. It is a crime that Gila Bend bridge is not built, and it is a crime that he hasn't the small amount of funds to fix the worst places.

Smith writes:

"It took me exactly two hours and forty-five minutes to make the run from Casa Grande to Gila Bend. The road is packing fairly well but in places is dusty and chunky. If we had a good rain and the road could be dragged, I believe we could average thirty miles an hour. There is still room for improvement. If Tucson would only come across, I could put two or three men down there for a couple of weeks and fill up the worst chuck holes."

Please let me hear from you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH



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Col. E. F. -2

you, and trust that you will take the matter up with Stan. Mitchell and your Board of Directors.

If such a thing is feasible I can assure you that the Tucson Motor Trades is ready and willing to go ahead and form an organization and solicit memberships, and I know positively that we will have the cooperation of Douglas, Bisbee and Nogales, as well as Tucson, and in all probability many members from the northern towns, as it is fully appreciated that the work done by your organization stands at the top in benefits to members and work accomplished.

I have not made a careful survey of the situation as regards the probable number of members which we could procure, but believe a conservative estimate would be a thousand, which could be procured within the first six months. An affiliated organization of this kind would also do much for bringing the people of California and Arizona a little closer together, and I am sure, if there is nothing to prevent such action being taken by your constitution and by-laws, that your people would heartily support and encourage such an association.

Thanking you very kindly for whatever information you may be in position to give me, and with best personal regards to yourself, I am

Very truly yours,

MM-L

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