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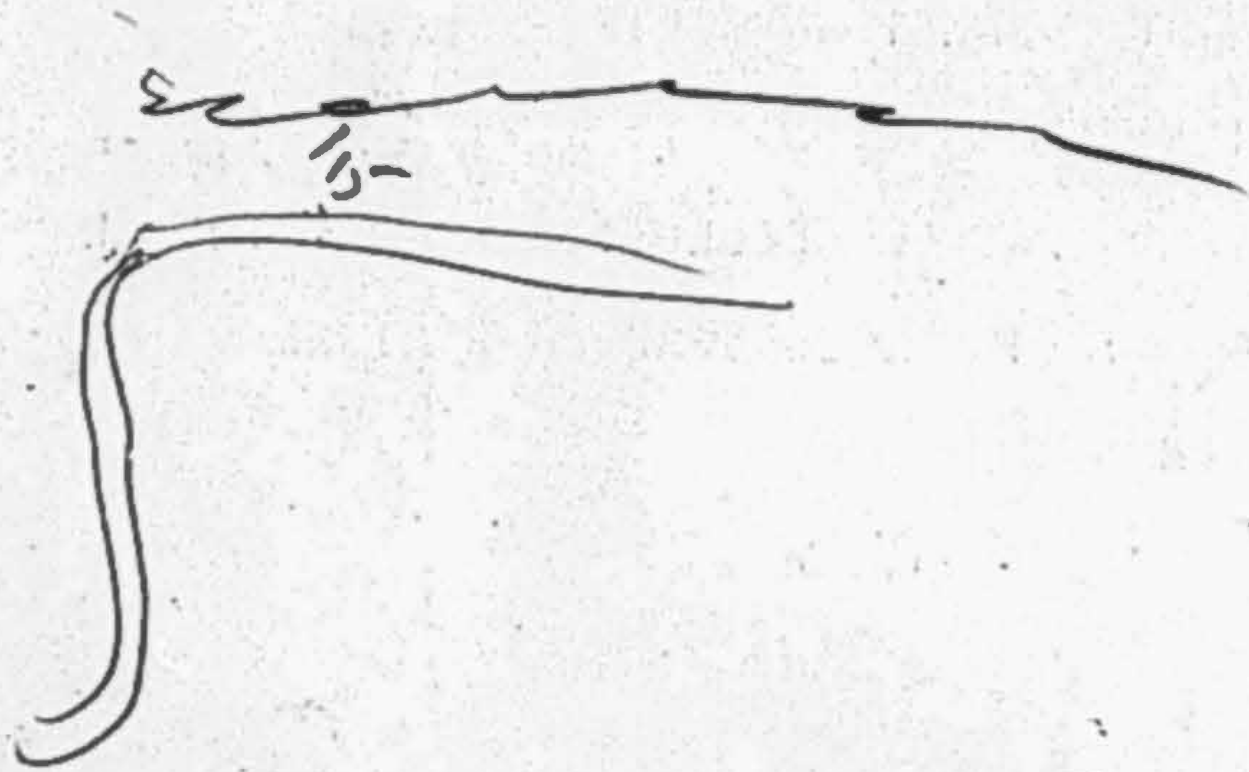
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY COMMISSION TODAY VOTED TO RESCIND ACTION OF AUGUST
FIRST NINETEEN TWENTY NINE AND PASSED RESOLUTION ABANDONING OLD RIGHT
OF WAY TO ORIGINAL GRANTORS THEIR SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS

C C CARLETON

~~W. H. ...~~

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[speech to honor E.F.]
[N.D. but: 1909 + 22 = 1931?]
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Mr. Chairman and Friends of
San Diego and Imperial Counties:

Long ago I learned the wisdom of the admonition
to "speak fitly or keep silent wisely."

Today, quite moved as I am by a surge of
recollections of bygone years, adequate words are wholly
lacking.

It was my privilege to serve as the first attorney
for the first County Highway Commission of San Diego County.

In 1909, the People of the county, with real
pioneer courage and foresight, voted a bond issue of
\$1,250,000; to them, in those early days of highway build-
ing, a fabulous amount of money.

The expenditure of the proceeds of this bond
issue was prudently entrusted to three notable San Diegans,
John D. Spreckels, E. W. Scripps and A. G. Spalding, the
first County Highway Commission.

The bond issue was supposed to build about three
hundred and fifty miles of "boulevards". One of the links
to be constructed was to extend from San Diego to the
Imperial County line.

The thrills of present day aviation do not exceed
those that Colonel Ed Fletcher (whom we particularly honor
here today) and the members and the staff of the first

County Highway Commission experienced in our "trail blazing" trips over the steep old mountain grades of the ever spectacular "back country" of San Diego County.

Today, twenty-two years after our original dream, this "boulevard" is completed.

Accordingly, I can fully appreciate the joy of this occasion.

Connected with highway work as I have been so long, I have known the "psychology" accompanying the development of this great enterprise.

Indeed, that familiar saying, "Hope long deferred, maketh the heart sick," has many times applied to the history of this undertaking.

Today, however, the fruition of our hopes has certainly set all hearts singing.

On the facade of one of the State buildings at Sacramento is carved the motto, "Bring me men to match my mountains."

I have rather sensed a note of challenge in that inscription, as if, perhaps, it was impossible of fulfillment.

Today, upon the completion of this splendid modern thoroughfare, we know beyond all doubt that Colonel Fletcher, his associates, the engineers and the contractors have fully met the challenge of the motto, and have, in

truth, by their accomplishments "outmatched" these massive mountains, once so formidable, but now inviting to the world.

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