

September 18th,  
1919

Mr. F. M. White,  
Sacramento, Calif.

*McCloud*  
My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find clippings about the report of the Highway Commission, also the action of the Chamber of Commerce, which I am sure will be of interest.

Everyone is taking our report very favorably: no criticism from anyone as yet.

Hope you are having the time of your life.

Yours very truly,

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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San Diego, Calif.  
Sept. 23, 1919

F. M. White  
C/o McCloud River Lbr. Co.  
McCloud, California.

Wheaton claims Supervisors asked him to change our report to include paying to SanYsidro with connection present county pavement. Truth is Supervisors passing the buck owing to fact a few residents Tiajuana Valley asked for extension pavement. Have consulted Marston Porterfield of SUN several ministers and am positive will be mistake of our lives if we change report. Do not believe Supervisors will force us to change it. Supervisors did agree with us on report as you know. In all earnestness urge you wire Wheaton refusing to make any change. To change now would more pointedly call dry federation activity against proposed bond issue. Believe Drys will actively oppose bond issue and kill it if any change made. Wire answer my expense.

Ed Fletcher.

Chc Ed Fletcher

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IN ANSWER TO MESSAGE FROM WHEATON HAVE WIRED HIM THINK IT UNWISE TO MAKE CHANGE IN OUR REPORT UNLESS FORCED TO DO SO BY SUPERVISORS WILL BE HERE UNTIL FRIDAY

F M WHITE.

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San Diego, Calif., Sept. 24, 1919.

Mr. F. M. White,  
McCloud River Lumber Co.,  
McCloud, Calif.

Telegram received Thanks Supervisors unanimously agreed with us in advance on routes to be paved If they repudiate that agreement and attempt to force us to make change requested, I shall hand in my resignation and tell the dear public the word of the supervisors is no good.

ED FLETCHER

Charge Ed Fletcher Co.

March 11, 1920

Mr. F. M. White,  
County Highway Commission,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. White:

This is an important matter. In my opinion we can get the benefit of their service for nothing. I am in favor of extending an invitation. I am of the opinion that they are in agreement with us, but it will strengthen our hand if we get their endorsement.

Yours very truly,

EF:KIM

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enclosed cc letter to Sherwood Wheaton same date

WESTMORLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Westmorland, California,  
November 12, 1921.

Mr. F. M. White, Manager,  
Benson Lumber Company,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

It is planned by a number of representative bodies from the various towns of the north end of the Imperial Valley to make a trip over the Julian road purpose of inspecting and boosting the Sentenac Canyon work in particular, and the whole road in general. The date set is November 19.

The departure is planned early enough to allow a visit to the work in Sentenac Canyon and a return to Julian on the 19. In the evening it is thought likely that an impromptu get-to-gether meeting could be held either in a hall or around a campfire, and mutual interests talked over.

If such a thing is possible that you could spare the time, we would appreciate your presence at least in the evening at Julian.

It is hoped that a delegation will come from San Diego, Oceanside and Escondido, who have been invited.

We are deeply interested in this road and hope to see its entire length in good shape by next spring.

Hoping you will see your way clear to make this trip,

WESTMORLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Westmorland, California,

as we feel that you are interested in seeing the road put through, we remain

Yours truly,

WESTMORLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

G. D. Walker  
Secy.

November 16, 1921.

Mr. G. D. Walker, Secretary,  
Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce,  
Westmoreland, California.

Dear Sir:--

I have your letter of November 12th and wish  
to thank you for the invitation to be at Julian Saturday  
evening November 19th.

If the weather is not stormy, will arrange to  
accept this invitation.

Yours truly,

*F M White*

FMW/z

February  
Thirteenth  
1922

Mr. F. M. White,  
Benson Lumber Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear White:

Enclosed find copy of letter to My friend  
Valentine, President of the Auto Club of Southern Calif-  
ornia, also copy of my letter to Harry Chandler, owner  
of the Los Angeles Times. Chandler is a Director of the  
Auto Club of Southern California and says this McStay  
controversy has never come up before the Auto Club  
directors at all - that McStay and Keller have been  
running the whole thing.

I think I have convinced the Los Angeles  
Times, and that they are going to take a changed  
attitude and get behind us. Results are what count!

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

September 6, 1922

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Mr. F. M. White  
Benson Lumber Company,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Governor  
Campbell in answer to my letter of August 18th relative  
to the \$2,500,000 bond issue, which will be of interest.

Please keep this information confidential.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

same to Jay Gould

September 14, 1923.

Mr. F. M. White, Mgr.,  
Benson Lumber Company,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. White:

This is probably the last time I am going  
to ask you for money on national highway work.

I have been, within the last two weeks, over to  
Arizona on business and while there went over the road situa-  
tion. Phoenix has been industriously working for a direct  
highway to Blythe marked in red. A bunch of public spirited  
citizens of Southern Arizona are determined to outwit Phoenix  
at her own game and they have prepared a map similar to the  
one herewith enclosed.

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter from Mr.  
Hunt that is explanatory. This money must be raised. I am  
giving \$100 myself toward this expense and ask that you raise  
\$100 among the lumber industries for the good of the cause to  
complete the building of the road Gila Bend to Casa Grande  
along the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is practically as short  
a route as the Ajo, and is more attractive to the Eastern tour-  
ists on account of its following the Southern Pacific Railroad  
the entire distance. It gives them a safer feeling.

The highway is already built in good shape from  
El Paso via Lordsburg to Douglas, Tombstone and Casa Grande.  
It is all built and in good condition from El Paso via Globe  
and Superior to Casa Grande. It is already completed or under  
contract from Gila Bend to Yuma, a magnificent highway, which  
I went over the other day. The connecting link between Gila  
Bend and Casa Grande is mostly in Maricopa County, dominated  
by Phoenix, with the result that not one dollar will be spent  
by Maricopa supervisors to build the Gila Bend, Maricopa  
Casa Grande road and it all must be done by private sub-  
scription.

San Diego will then get its share of the travel  
without a doubt, when the road is built, and this is the best  
money we can ever spend.

Our activities in helping Southern Arizona get a highway direct to Yuma have borne wonderful results. We have many friends and the San Diego & Arizona Railroad is getting a tremendous benefit on account of the friendliness of Southern Arizona toward San Diego.

This money must be raised immediately. We propose to have the work completed in 90 days and I hope you will let me have what you can raise at an early date, making check payable to J. E. Franklin, President of the Yuma National Bank, who is custodian of the funds.

With the completion of a good passable road San Diego to El Paso, my highway work is completed.

I want to thank you for the hearty cooperation I have received from you in the past. Our work is bearing fruit. Nearly 100 machines a day are coming thru Yuma now to El Centro. With the work completed you will soon see three to five hundred machines a day coming thru Yuma to the coast. This is the number of machines that are now coming thru Needles and by Barstow. The Chamber of Commerce should immediately take steps to put up proper signs at advantageous points between Holtville and Phoenix and all the way to El Paso, telling of the advantages of San Diego.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

P. S. I am writing this letter, for I am ashamed to look you in the face and ask you for more money.

October 8, 1923.

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o Benson Lumber Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Clement, the president of the Casa Grande bank, who is handling the funds for the construction of the Casa Grande-Gila Bend road, the missing link, all of which is explanatory.

Also enclosed find copies of two letters from the county engineer of Pinal County, who has charge of all of this work.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

February 1st,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find semi-annual report from the Manager of  
the Broadway of America Association that I am sure  
will be of interest,

Yours truly,

EF:AK

February 28th,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of telegram from Mr. Rawlings,  
Chairman of the Ponce de Leon Celebration of the Old  
Spanish Trail Association, also copy of their bulletin  
and copy of my letter, all of which is for your  
information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

June Twenty-eighth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. A. H. Gardner,  
one of the State Highway Commissioners of Arizona.

Another good friend and member of the State Highway  
Commission of Arizona is Monte Mansfield of Tucson.

I hope that you can all work together for the  
common good.

I could have given some advice if I had been consulted  
before those maps were printed.

Our only friends, who are plugging for us all the time  
are U. S. No. 80, excepting Phoenix, Tucson,  
Douglas, Bisbee and Yuma can always be counted on to  
play ball with us.

Yours very truly,

September Sixteenth,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter from President Birney  
to Hobson that is explanatory.

Life is too short for me to worry about these  
things but there is no mistake in the meaning  
that the western terminus of the Broadway of America  
next year will be in Los Angeles, in my opinion,  
after the Hot Springs convention.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

EF:AK



December 9th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter received from the  
Association of Commerce of Fort Worth, Texas, for  
your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

December Tenth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of telegram sent by the Bisbee  
Chamber of Commerce to their representatives in  
Congress, also copy of letter from their Secretary,  
Mr. Hamilton, all of which is explanatory and for  
your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

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**General Correspondence - White, Frederick  
M - Highway commission and funding**



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