

Kingman Urges Arizona Cooperation

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The slant of some of the Arizona editorials would indicate that the dedication of the Boulder dam was a disgrace to the state. Arizona has fought, since the first movement to conserve and use the waters of the Colorado river, to retard the development. Ordinarily Arizona would be entitled to her portion of water and power. If she doesn't get it, it will be because she has rested on her rights at a time when all the other states of the river compact were urging her to join.

There is not now nor has there ever been on the part of the United States government, any of its departments, or of any of the states of the Colorado river basin, any desire to take from the Colorado river more than their just share of its benefits. The Colorado river belongs to the United States and Arizona being one of these is entitled to its portion of the power and waters of the stream. The waters of the river are to be put to the use of the people.

Because of its millions of population, California had the necessary financial backing to guarantee the amortization of the dam construction. Otherwise, there would be no dam in the Colorado river today and probably for some years to come.

Arizona accuses California of taking the river away from Arizona. The river is still here. It has been harnessed and its wasting waters will soon be turned into commercial channels. Arizona will thrive by such action, in spite of the fact that outside of Mohave county, no part of the state has been favorable to this great construction. Even now she won't trust anyone or anybody of less authority than the supreme court of the United States. If the other states of the Colorado river basin had been as fearful of their fellow citizens as had Arizona, there never would have been any compact nor any dam. The dam was made possible, not because of Arizona, but in spite of it.

Now that it is completed and its benefits are about to be distributed, Arizona seems fearful that some sleight of hand trick is being played on her and that she is going to be left to hold the sack. This is largely true unless reasonable progress is made to complete the highway which connects the state with Boulder dam. The influx of motorists to the state, or through the state, for the purpose of viewing the Boulder dam, will travel elsewhere unless the highway between Kingman and Boulder dam is completed within a reasonable span of time.

The completion of this road will bring more touring traffic to Arizona every month than 60 will bring in any month when it is open for travel.