

PLEA MADE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KINGMAN - VEGAS ROAD BY SMITH

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Kingman Attorney Hits
Arizona For Knowledge
Lack of Big Project

PHOENIX, July 25. (Special)—
Declaring “the average Arizonian
is less aware of the significance of
the vast Boulder dam project on
the state’s western border than
many of the residents of the east
and middle west,” J. H. Smith,
Kingman attorney and governor
for the Mohave county of Arizona
state chamber of commerce, made a
plea here yesterday for immediate
completion of the highway from the
Boulder dam to Kingman.

“Although the eastern states are
keenly interested in this great pub-
lic works, and appreciate the enor-
mous possibilities of the actual op-
eration as a source of revenue,
Arizona is permitting millions of
dollars to slip away, because of
lack of activity in tapping this
source of wealth,” declared Smith.

Benefits Possible

"No part of the state would fail to benefit from the project, if we all were to work together to see that the full possibilities of the work are realized."

Smith cited this case of Boulder City, whose chamber of commerce reported 14,000 visitors during March. Ninety per cent of these persons would have visited Arizona, Smith declared, if there had been adequate highway facilities into the state from that area. Roads leading in other directions from the project are in excellent shape, he pointed out, but the highway into Arizona is not inviting.

In addition to possible tourist revenue, Smith pointed out the great market to be found near and at the project for foodstuff which could be supplied by Arizona producers.

Within Arizona Trade Area

"There now are 3,000 men at work at the dam," the Kingman attorney stated. "With their families, they constitute a population of about 10,000 at Boulder City. This is within Arizona's trade area, and a majority of their needs should be provided by this state's great production centers, with estimated returns of millions of dollars for every class of business.

"Instead the market is leaning

away from our state because of the lack of fast access to distribution centers."

The Kingman area, Smith declared, will become an important part of Arizona as a result of the new development.

Kingman Growth Seen

"Kingman is so advantageously placed on highway, rail, bus and air lines that, acting as a central hub for the area, it will without doubt experience a substantial future growth.

"Mining will receive an impetus from the fact that power rates will be cut to about one-sixth of their present cost, engineers declare. This margin will enable many properties to run at a profit where they now are not able to do so, and will materially aid many large mines now in actual operation.

"About 200,000 acres of the most fertile land in the nation will be opened by irrigation as a result of the development. Raising of pecans, all varieties of vegetables, truck garden produce and dates should provide a steady source of income when the irrigation and flood control measures are completed. Too, it will add further attractions to a county already recognized for great mineral wealth, fine mohair goat production and scenic importance.

Lake Holds Interest

"Easterners already are keenly interested in the possibilities of the lake which will be created by the dam," Smith declared.

"This lake will have a 2,000-mile shore line and will in time become an important recreational center. With so many resources, the county can look for nothing but a bright future, and Arizona should formulate plans now to share in the prosperity by creating an easy means of access to future and present wealth."