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*Parks Board*

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Mr. D. E. Colp,  
Chairman, Texas State Parks Board,  
P. O. Box 228,  
Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. Colp:

I have received the carbon copies of your letters of November 27 addressed to President Roosevelt and Director Robert Fechner, and also the clipping from the Austin American of the previous day--all relating to the question of proper supervision for Civil Works activities in the State Parks of Texas.

I am wholly in sympathy with the idea that natural beauty should be carefully preserved in all our parks, whether State or National, and I feel sure that this is the policy of the Civil Works Administrator. I do not know just what the relation of your board is to the Texas State parks, but I assume it has control of them and that the placement of men there for Civil Works activities would be at its request. If this assumption is correct and the Board is not satisfied, I suggest that it take the matter up with the State Administrator of Civil Works and if results are not forthcoming, then with the Honorable Harry L. Hopkins, Civil Works Administrator, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold L. Cole*

Secretary of the Interior.