My dear Senator Colwell:

In answer to your inquiry respecting the negotiation for compact upon the South Platte and Arkansas Rivers, I beg leave to report as follows:

South Platte.

Governor McKelvie of Nebraska appointed R. F. Willis of Bridgeport, as Commissioner for that state. Attorney General Davis of Nebraska participated with him. Comprehensive study of the South Platte area has been completed. Negotiations have proceeded to the point of a substantial understanding between the Commissioners, but the matter must be considered by several advisers in Nebraska before the Commission for that state will care to proceed to compact upon the principles under consideration.

An emissary for Colorado should make an early call upon Governor Bryan of Nebraska for the purpose of explaining what has been done and suggesting that the work be pushed to completion during this term of the Legislature so that any compact may be ratified. It is probably advisable for the Legislature of Nebraska to enact immediate legislation giving more authority to the Governor in the matter of the appointment.

If desired by our present state administration I will continue the negotiations with the representatives of Nebraska.

Arkansas River.

Governor Allen of Kansas appointed G. A. Schneider of Garden City as Commissioner for Kansas in re Arkansas River. We made one trip over the Arkansas Valley area in western Kansas and in eastern Colorado as far west as La Junta. We have had one subsequent conversation but our negotiations were disturbed by the announcement of its opinion by the Supreme Court in the case of
Wyoming vs. Colorado. The Kansas appropriators were incorrectly advised respecting that opinion and proceeded to organize for further litigation with Colorado. Subsequent information has been conveyed to them, whereby they have been informed of the true meaning of the opinion and I understand there is some disposition to settle the Arkansas matter by compact.

I would suggest that proper emissary call upon the Governor of Kansas at an early date for the purpose of discussing the problem with him. If agreeable to him it would probably be advisable for the Kansas Legislature to pass a bill directly authorizing the proceedings. This legislation should be introduced at an early date.

**Rio Grande River.**

I call your attention to the situation on the Rio Grande River.

At the request of Senator Adams I have discussed, unofficially, the Rio Grande situation with various citizens of New Mexico and with the officials of the United States Reclamation Service.

I have an assurance from the latter that they are willing to concede to Colorado the right to develop additional territory to the extent that may be supplied with water in an amount equivalent to the present discharge of the drains in the San Luis Valley. In other words, if the annual discharge of the drainage works of the San Luis Valley is 100,000 acre-feet they are willing to concede a further development of new lands in the Valley sufficient to utilize 100,000 acre-feet annually.

But it would appear that Colorado might be entitled to further concessions. To what degree obtainable is an open question.

The past administration in New Mexico was heartily in favor of an early adjustment between Colorado and New Mexico respecting the Rio Grande River, and I had several conversations with them along this line. I do not know the attitude of the new administration. Such negotiations probably should include the State of Texas and the United States. Appropriate legislation must be enacted by the three states and by Congress. If any progress is made, some immediate action must be taken and probably an emissary should visit the Governors of New Mexico and Texas, at an early date, and an appropriate communication from the Governor of Colorado to these governors would be advisable.
I should be pleased to know the attitude of the present administration respecting further activities upon my part. While I am still Commissioner for Colorado, under the present legislative acts, I do not care to serve in that capacity unless entirely agreeable to the present administration.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner for Colorado.

DEO/cc

Senator Charles I. Colwell,
Denver, Colorado.
Brusch, Colo.,
2/19/1926—

Dear D. E. Carpenter,

Denver, Colo.

Friend Delph,

Your letter in regard to the situation with Mr. Lipton received. I will be in Denver next week and go over the situation with you. So far all negotiators have been with Lipton, right now is a poor time to try to go on. But both sides are 'hog tired,' so eventually will be adjusted as public is interested as much as Farmers or Sugar Co. Yes, District sent money to Miss Painter to move Star. Senate voted to have State Guard as a temporary measure. 

Very truly,

C. I. Colwell
Brush, Colo.
10/11/1925

Mr. O. E. Carpenter
Brush, Colo.

My dear depth,

Expect to be in Denver Tuesday the 13th. Can you be there?

Yours very truly,

C. I. Colwell
October 8, 1925.

Hon. C.I. Colwell,
Brush, Colo.

My Dear Senator:

I expect to be either in Greeley or Denver for the next seven or eight days, after which I will have to leave for Washington to be there on the 20th. Stoton Stephenson writes me asking what has been done in regard to the financing of the ditch association. Miss Braman advised me that you were in the office sometime ago and requested that I inform you of some point at which we could meet for conference.

I will probably work at Denver but may do some dictation here at Greeley. Let me know which place would be most convenient for us to meet.

Very truly yours,
October 8, 1925.

Stoton R. Stephenson,
Attorney at Law,
Fort Morgan, Colo.

My Dear Sir:

Senator Calwell was up to see me not long since but I was out of town. He left word that he wished to confer with me. I shall try to get in touch with him during the coming week.

I hope he will be able to shed some light on the financial situation.

Very truly yours,

DEC: BB
Dear Senator:

What shall we do with the Butler claim against Colo. Katie Harrdin's? Mrs. Butler is almost frantic and I don't want to bring suit. Isn't there some way we can arrange?

Why does Andrew not pay me?

Perhaps he thinks my bill is too big? Even at that he ought to pay it.

Stoton R. Stephenson
Mr. Delph & Carpenter
Rutley, Colo.

My dear Mr. Carpenter: Almost ten months have elapsed since Mr. Cutler's death. I think that you will agree with me that he died in service. Sick and dejected in duty was he, that for months, he labored far beyond his physical strength, and sooner than an understanding. When a soldier dies, his beneficence receives all money which is due to them. Last spring you will doubtless remember I paid me a call, when I was very ill in mind and body. I vividly recall a remark you made -

Mr. Delph and I made my visit more cheerful. You said, "If there is ever a time you need help, and I can be of any service to you, call upon me."

The time is at hand Mr. Carpenter, will you not use your influence in getting the outstanding salary due us from the Coto Water Users Association? It is by the strictest economy, and combined effort of the family that we get along. Milly in line for age retention in Judge. The surgery is gratis, but the hospital expenses will have to be met. This means 2 me in a body cast and

Mrs. A. H. Cutler
923 Prospect St.
Fort Morgan, Colo.
not until we realize from some of these dilatory associations can we place the most simple kind of a slab to mark the burial place of your public servant. Through the kindness of a relative I have had a fine marble rest in Cali. Now that I am home, I am confronted with the fact that business is uncertain and debts unpayable. This is my first direct appeal to you. Will you help me?

Sincerely yours,

Myra H. Cutler
February 14, 1925.

Mrs. Myra G. Cutler,
Fort Morgan, Colo.

My Dear Mrs. Cutler:

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst. and have written Senator Colwell, asking what has been done. At the time of our last conversation he had some partly completed arrangements for contribution from the Sugar Company and I have written him asking information in this regard.

I heartily agree with you that the matter of the payment of the debts of the Association, including that due your husband, is of primary importance and should not be allowed to drag indefinitely.

I will try to keep you advised of developments and in the meantime, rest assured I will do my part to bring about an early solution of your difficulties.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

December
February 14, 1925.

Senator Chas. I. Colwell,
Brush, Colo.

My Dear Senator:

Mrs. Cutler writes me a very beseeching letter advising me that she is in very embarrassing financial circumstances and asking what steps have been taken to collect the assessments due the South Platte Association in order that she may be paid the money due Cutler at the time of his death.

I presume if you have not already made arrangements for the Sugar Company to take up the burden, the chances in that quarter may be diminished, as the situation between the farmers and the company becomes more acute. However, it occurred to me that you might have seen Mr. Petrikin and concluded some arrangements.

The House of Representatives passed a bill to approve the South Platte Compact by a unanimous vote and the same was favorably reported from the Senate Committee on Tuesday, the 10th. The bill will probably be reached by the Senate on about next Monday or Tuesday.

Have had several inquiries from the Finance Committee respecting the amount to be appropriated for water defense. Senator Puffer wants to be liberal but does not wish to tie up any money that will not be necessary for use. I am inclined to believe that there ought to be about $25,000 available for the litigation on the Arkansas and Pine Rivers, in addition to the proposed $50,000 for general purposes of defraying the expense of my work etc. This would make a total of $75,000.00 which looks a little large to the Finance Committee.

Because of Governor Sweet's paying out $2500.00 in an unsatisfactory manner at the close of his administration, there is some talk of making the Water Defense fund payable on the joint order of the Governor and Attorney General. There are indications that this may not prove an agreeable combination as there is danger that the Attorney General (as has been frequently done before) will find the fund a very convenient opportunity of obtaining money to pay certain deputies of his office on the pretext that they are working on water defense matters. Some have suggested that the money be paid out on the joint order of the Governor and myself. While I do not look forward with any degree of pleasure to such an arrangement, it would have the advantage of more expedition and the saving of a lot of wasted time and argument with the Attorney General before each move is made and during the transaction. I merely mention this matter so
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that you may think it over in case it is brought to your attention at any time you are in Denver.

Give me your thought on the Cutler situation.

Did District 1 pay its contribution to the State Association?

Very truly yours.

DEC:BB