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Martinez, Dec. 24, 1901.

My dear Johnson.

Credit to Johnson
for organizing the
Exquisite scheme
and pushing
it through.

I've been brooding over
that Colorado Canyon article
It is a grand subject but
my ignorance is distressing
I spent a day or two on its
rim at the deepest portion
& when the views were probably
the most telling & marvellous of
all; & I spent a day going
down to the bottom of it
going by way of Flagstaff
by stage. & spending a day
on the interesting San Francisco
Mountains. Now the travel
is all by rail. From Williams
to within 8 or 10 miles of the
Cannon at which is reached
by stage some 16 or 18 miles

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down the river² from the
points I visited. I suppose
I should go over this new
road & see the views from
the new points though I
guess they are not so grand
than again I hate to lose
the time that would be
required for work mostly
of a tourist kind.
As to your article how
am I going to work with
him without ever seeing
him or hearing from him
I suppose you would
just put in his best
pictures whether referred
to in the text or not.

I hardly see how I could
see Mr Robinson's sketch

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in a separate article for
 the Yosemite book at
 present. Though some of
 them might possibly
 be useful in extensions
 of the Kings River Chapter

As to the Auto business
 I haven't written a word of
 it or suggested the thing
 to any publisher. As so
 much has come to be said
 of it is to me a mystery
 I mean to write the Yosemite
 book first & the Alaska
 trip & perhaps a 3^d vol on
 shrubs & trees before touching
 the me look. -
 Sorry to hear of brilliant King's
 illness. I mean to write a short
 letter to the President on forest matters.
 No hope in sight for Yosemite

The Governor is not likely
to favor it in the least.

// By the way I hope to find
a place for the history of the
Yosemite Park perhaps in
this Yosemite book. I have
always given you the credit
for originating the grand
scheme & pushing it through
though many persisted in
ascribing the honor to me. //

And now Happy New
Year to you & your family
& Gelders & Buells with
all my heart.

Ever your friend
John Muir