MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS:

Grand Canyon, Ariz. February 00 — The construction of the new Yak Trail in the Grand Canyon, is but a link in a comprehensive plan of trail construction throughout the Grand Canyon National Park, it was announced by officials of the National Park Service of the Department Of the Interior, here today. The new trail under construction, is but the first link of a trans-canyon trail between the north and south rims. Two crews are hard at work on this section, and have the work over half completed. In the depths of Bright Angel Canyon, another crew is blasting the second section out of solid granite. All plans for other sections have been approved, and it is expected that the trail will be completed by the spring of 1926.

It is intended to make this trail the last word in trail construction. While the present trails are quite safe, the steep grades, short zig-zags, and other features that shake the nerves of the inexperienced rider, will all be eliminated. In addition to these features, strong guard rails will be placed at points where the tender-foot is apt to become nervous. As a result of these precautions, it is hoped that every one who so desires may make trips into the Canyon, without the ever present fear that it can be done only at the risk of one's life.

The new trail which will probably be called the Kaibab Trail, will shorten the present distance between rims by many miles, and will enable a person wholly unaccustomed to riding to make the two day trip in ease and comfort. It will put the wonders of the North Rim, including its forests and deer herds, within easy reach of the visitor to the South Rim, and furnish an easy exit for persons arriving from the north, and who do not care to make the long trip back to the rail ends in southern Utah. In addition to these advantages, it will greatly expedite the administration of the park as a whole, thereby assuring better service for the public as a whole.

No one has ever been able to adequately describe the scenic features of the Grand Canyon. From no other place can this great scenic spectacle be so intimately observed, as from the new trail. Breath-taking views are numerous, and along the greater part, nearly the entire length of the Canyon contained within the park boundaries is constantly in view.

Combining the scenic beauties with the safety features, it is expected that the trail will become the most famous scenic trail in the world, and one where the traveler can give his entire thought to enjoying the wonders without any thought for his personal safety.

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