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Secretary WILBUR. I propose not to complete these contracts before the second week in December in the hope that we can bring Arizona into the picture, and I assign each of you and all of those who represent you as agents to make this if possible a seven-State compact.

It will be a most unfortunate thing in this great series of epochs that the West is necessarily to go through in the development of the water, not to carry this thing through upon a uniform program. This must go through so when the Flaming Gorge and all the other projects come on, as they will, we can have a united front against all of those who do not have the vision to see the necessity. Do not forget in your particular thing that you are involved in that your real interest is in this country and its development, and that the western part of the United States must depend upon water and its controlled use for its further development. We must not lose this first battle since otherwise years must elapse before we can do as we should in the maturing of the necessary plans for the West. The easy things have all been done. We are now facing the hard things like this where we must all get together. I hope we may close this conference in that spirit.