

Mr. J. D. Hunter, Oil and Gas Inspector, Carlsbad, N. M.

Dear Mr. Hunter :-

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 23rd., instant, in reply will say that it is my intention to commenc operating the well, just as soon as can make arrangements, in fact the well would have been on the pump all the while if could have been able to do anything with the oil.

It is astonis ing at the interest some of those people over there take in this particular well, when it is no different from most of the wells in that county, and there are a lot of edge wells, away from the pipe line with no marketing facilities that have been shut in for several years, but this does not interest this gang, even if every we l in the field was similar, this is the one well that needs to be looked after.

It has only been a few months since this same gang had an application filed supported by affidavits with the State Engineer, for the use of the water for agricultural and industrial purposes, at that time the well was not an oil well, and was just a dry hole ahandoned. And a so no agriculture or industry it could serve.

From my observation while I was there, all these shut in weils are just like this one. I was over in the old field when one of the Major Companies started up the wells on a lease that had been shut in for about a year, all these wells had a lot of water some of them were two or three days pumping off, but nobody ed to be bothered about any pay getting ruined. The fact of the matt is, that this gang wants to get hold of this little well, but they want to do it by unfair means, create all the trouble possible,

they have no more interest in the field in general than the man in the