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Mr. Erwin E. Smith,
Bermuda Ranch,
Bonham, Texas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for your letter of July 9th. I am delighted to know that Mr. Borglum and yourself saw my picture Tumbleweeds and liked it. It is good to know that one's efforts are so finely appreciated by those who are competent to judge.

What you say of "North of 36" is most true. The range men are right in their opinion. I was brought up in the West myself and I know.

That is the difficulty(in a nut shell) which I am facing at the present time. The Powers making these western pictures claim I do not know how to make western pictures although I made them for many years for these same people. They have a perfect right to their opinion the same as I have a perfect right to mine, but as they control the money making theatres of the country and as they will not book my western pictures it makes it very, very hard for me.

The photograph of the model of the Trail Drivers Monument, I am sorry to say, did not arrive, and I sure would like to have one. And when Mr. Borglum and yourself make a trip thru this part of the country I will feel mighty disappointed if you do not look me up.

Under separate cover I am mailing you one of the still pictures of Tumbleweeds with my very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

William S. Hart