

*United States Senate,*

CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY.

February 7, 1922.

Mr. H. B. Ayres,  
Battle House,  
Mobile, Ala.

My dear Mr. Ayres:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., and I wish it were possible for me to be present at the meeting of the Highway Department. I have been away from the Senate so much in the last few months on account of being a member of the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments that I feel that now the Conference has adjourned I should get back to my congressional duties. Mr. Ford's proposal to develop Muscle Shoals is now before the Senate, and I am doing the very best I can to secure favorable action, so you can see that it is impossible for me to leave Washington at this time.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Oscar W. Underwood*