

# Geological Impasse Requires Five Days to Travel 30 Miles



The great Mogollon Rim escarpment North and East of Cottonwood hindered travel the short 30 mile distance to Flagstaff.

The established postal route 24 miles southeast at Camp Verde provided access to the primary North - South postal route through Prescott. Twice a week stagecoach postal route from Cottonwood to Camp Verde. Transit postmark December 14, 1887. 128 miles by stagecoach to Seligman Fork where transit East 53 miles to Flagstaff provided aboard Santa Fe Railroad mail coach. Arrival postmark Flagstaff December 17, 1887.



Camp Verde transit December 14



Flagstaff Arrival December 17

**Postal Route #1  
Cottonwood**

- Cornville 7 miles
- Aultman 7 miles

**Camp Verde 10 miles**

**Postal Route #2  
Camp Verde**

- Cherry 15 miles
- Agua Fria Valley 15 miles

**Prescott A.T 16 miles**

**Postal Route #3  
Prescott**

- Whipple 4 miles
- Clearwater 23 miles

**Seligman 35 miles**

**Postal Route #4  
Ash Fork**

- Williams 23 miles
- Chalender 10 miles

**Flagstaff 20 miles**

**Total Postal Route distance 181 miles**