The Prescott & Crown King Railroad earned its colloquial name ‘Frank Murphy’s Impossible Railroad’ from the fact that Crown King is 3,000 feet higher than Mayer and the terrain between the two places is very steep. It’s this fact that caused naysayers to believe that the two towns could not be linked by rail. In all, the railroad required five switchbacks, a tunnel and extremely high trestles to make the ascent to Crown King.

This cover is addressed to Prescott, the northern terminus of the railroad, however it was routed south to Crown King the southern terminus. From Crown King the cover traveled north the entire 65.25 mile length of the railroad to Prescott.