

Oct. 16, 1915: GALLUP, N.M., Oct. 16 — Roman Hubbell, trading post proprietor and government mail contractor, who planned to establish an aerial mail route between here and Ganado last July, but who failed to receive the proper encouragement from the post office department, has decided to go ahead with his plans. A big biplane has been purchased and all of the parts, with the exception of the motor, have been received and are stored at the Hubbell trading post here. An expert mechanic has been engaged by Mr. Hubbell, and as soon as he arrives and the motor is received, the various parts of the machine will be assembled and test flights made.

In addition to using the biplane in carrying mail to St. Michael's, Fort Defiance, Ganado and Kean's canyon, Mr. Hubbell plans to do some passenger business, and to use the machine in establishing quick communication between this point and Oraibi, Arizona, where he also has business interests, and which cannot now be reached in less than three days