

MEMORANDA RESPECTING ATTEMPT TO CHANGE NAME  
OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL IN TEXAS.

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Reports come from many sections that the people do not want any interference with the name or work of the Old Spanish Trail. Schulenburg has signed a petition with 131 signatures; this is being mailed today to the Highway Commission. Other towns have sent word they will unanimously protest this action of the Highway Commission.

Press clippings from all over the State show that the newspapers, editorially and in the news columns, object to any interference with the name or work of national highways; these clippings also show a nice recognition of the value of the Old Spanish Trail, its name, its historical interest, and its importance to the State of Texas.

The Beaumont Enterprise published in connection with the Neches bridge opening:-

"Some idea of how the public resented the change was brought out during the course of the remarks made by H. J. Lutzer Stark in introducing Governor Ferguson. When he deplored the action of the Highway Commission in attempting to change the name of the Old Spanish Trail, there was a rousing response from those who had gathered to participate in the exercises. It was very evident that there was not a single voice to sustain the Highway Commission in its recent action. Rather it had been done largely through intentional.