

Washington, D. C.

June 17th., 1922.

Mr. Harry Welch,
Secretary Chamber Of Commerce,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Welch:-

I am going to suggest to you, and through you, to your other Arizona Cities on the Old Spanish Trail, an automobile pilgrimage to the Davis mountains, near Fort Davis, in West Texas, joining the El Paso caravan, leaving El Paso I believe July 6th. All Texas is joining in this big Meet. The State Park proposition for the Davis mountains as well as a vitalization of all the Old Spanish Trail work in West Texas, which is very extensive, is the meaning of the gathering. Some five thousand people are expected in camp in Limpia Canyon, a noted camping place.

I am prompted to suggest this because of my friendship for Arizona and to have you people there get a more personal understanding of things going on in West Texas and in Mexico to the South which can easily stop many thousands of tourists from continuing westward, hence through Arizona. A new play ground section will soon be opened to the people of the U. S., and a very accessible and attractive one! The Old Spanish Trail is sincerely committed to the original plans of building up its main line from Saint Augustine to San Diego. I am here in Washington now to help this main line work and to develop influences that will open the highway nationally in the shortest possible time.

This week in conference with Senator Ashurst I struck what appeared to be an antagonistical note. The Senator was sincere and nice but apparently (and in this I may have gotten the wrong impression) he was recognizing only the Bankhead Highway through Arizona. He asked that I write to the following chambers of commerce: Holbrook, Flagstaff, Kingman, Phoenix, Yuma, Tucson, Nogales, Douglas, Clifton, Globe, Superior, Miami, Bisbee, and Dick Whitch Hall at Salome. This request, I could not comply