

## BORDER MILITARY HIGHWAY DIVISION OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

After many years of spasmodic work trying to secure the construction of a highway along the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Del Rio, we have at last succeeded thru the organized efforts of every town in the Rio Grande Valley in getting the route from Brownsville to Laredo officially accepted as a primary highway which carries with it the maximum amount of federal aid. Not only that, but the State Highway Department will "peak" the appropriations for some of the counties in which the taxable values will not permit of them voting enough bonds to meet the Federal Government on a fifty-fifty basis.

No one will dispute the need of this highway to the Federal Government, more particularly the War Department, as well as the citizens living along the line. One great advantage to the entire state being that this will be an attraction that will draw tourist trade from the North and East that will benefit not only Houston and San Antonio, but Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco and Austin, on account of the large amount of business coming from the northern states to the border during the winter months.

This is the first time in the history of Texas that any highway proposition has attracted as many high-up officials as the Border Military Division of the OST.

Judge W. W. McCrery, member State Highway Commission and representing the entire Commission on this inspection trip, is a lawyer by profession and a big business man by adoption; a man who has had sufficient experience in various business lines to qualify him for any position either state or national government.

Mr. A. R. Losh, Federal District Engineer for Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas, representing the Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., who recently succeeded Captain J. D. Fautleroy, (when the Captain became State Highway Engineer) as an engineer and representative of the Federal Government he stands at the top of the list, and he also stands at the top of the list for energy and hard work. He was about the busiest man we had on the inspection trip as he was continually writing up his data when the caravan was on the move, and busy answering questions at every stop. In addition to this he is a "regular fellow" and made a lot of friends in every town visited on the entire trip.