

United States to get to write a letter of endorsement of anything or anybody. I feel that if he will do it for anyone he will do it for me and I know he is a friend of the OST.

Dr. Johnston is very anxious that I should make my arrangements to go to Phoenix, to Rountree's Bankhead meeting and I am of the opinion that I could keep Rountree and some of his friends from making some false statements with reference to the Mexican division from Mt. Pleasant south, if I should happen to be present, but I am going to handle this in a diplomatic way; don't want to hurt anyone's feelings if I can help it but so far as the Bankhead proposition is concerned it will be sewed up here tight south from Dallas to Laredo and they haven't a ghost of a chance.

You evidently don't catch my meaning with reference to the International Peace Highway's optional routes between San Antonio and Mexico City. I have been looking out for the very things that you mention and I have played a very successful hand in that respect. The International Peace Highway Organizer has been here and returned, and has recommended to his association that they promote their work to Waco where it intersects the Meridian Highway and it will recognize the Meridian Highway via San Antonio and Laredo to the City of Mexico, and the Old Spanish Trail from San Antonio via Brownsville, Tampico to the City of Mexico, on identically the very basis that you suggested last fall, and this will be a big boom for both highways to the City of Mexico and it will please the people along the route very much to think they are going to have these great highways and only have to support one financially.

The palm proposition in the Valley has grown to be an immense proposition and we planned to leave here on Monday March 6th with Mr. Lambert but the controversy between he and Mayor Black with reference to the health official has bobbed up again and the court has set the hearing for March 8th. They did this yesterday and I have been expecting to get in touch with Mr. Lambert this morning, had expected him to call me at any time. I am afraid he is going to have to make a change in his date again.

It has been raining here two days. Altogether we have had about an inch of rainfall. They had 3 inches at Brownsville and the usual Spring showers of six inches in Ft. Bend County. I had planned to leave here Monday morning with Judge McCrory, Dr. Johnston and Wasson as staff correspondent for the Houston Chronicle. Judge Perkins is to meet us at Mathis and our itinerary will be as per copy herewith enclosed. Hoskins will meet us at Victoria or Wharton with a reception committee out of Houston. We will have a banquet at Beeville Monday night. Luncheon at Victoria Tuesday. Wharton hasn't shown any signs of life whatever but we have designated it as a night stop and expect to get something started. Stolsfus at Victoria will probably be able to make the arrangements. Banquet at Sugarland Wednesday noon. Banquet at Houston Wednesday night. If it doesn't rain anymore after tonight and the sun shines tomorrow we will be able to start Monday and we can get across Ft. Bend County by the time we get to it. I am going into Houston flat broke and expect to come out of there with money in every pocket. But if I have to walk home I guess I will feel like that this is one of the problems that can't be solved. We have some big men in