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Mrs. Florence R. S. Phillips,
Convention Secretary,
Old Spanish Trail Association,
Tallahassee, Florida,

My dear Mrs. Phillips:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, extending an invitation to address the Old Spanish Trail Convention on May 18th. I assure you nothing would give me more pleasure than to attend this Convention, as no one is more interested in the progress of good roads than myself. However, press of official business during this crisis, which I do not have to tell you is grave, will prevent my accepting your very kind invitation. I sincerely hope the meeting will be a great success, and with expression of deep regret that I am unable to attend, I remain,

Very respectfully,

