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as having that Lake Ponchartrain
 and Iberville were still a barrier
 between them and the Miss. river.
 The Spaniards did not go to the
 shores of Ponchartrain at Mandeville
 present location and from what
 I personally know of Tchifuncta
 river and all between. Covington
 and Mandeville and Madisonville
 I am of the opinion the original
 trail went through Covington
 and I have no doubts at all about
 Madisonville; From here again
 the lakes caused a Westward
 move through this immediate
 section (Ponchartrains) on to where
 now stands Springfield thence
 to Port Vincent (It is quite likely
 that at first they went to what
 French settlement, ^{now is} and had to
 double back around Bay Collette