



NEWS SERVICE

(Memo. The Old Spanish Trail, for administration purposes, is divided into three departments, Eastern, Texas and Western. Mileage calculations will vary until bridges and new roads are more nearly completed. The three departments, Main Line, read: Eastern, 970 miles; Texas, 948 miles; Western, 920 miles.)

Texas Department--948 miles.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT ALONG THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Checked with Highway Department September 1923.

The Texas Department includes the level plains of East Texas and rolling hill country of middle Texas and the mountains and great plains of West Texas.

ORANGE TO HOUSTON, 115 ms.

Completed 18 ft. federal standard concrete road from Orange westward, 16 ms., and contract let for completing concrete road to Neches river, 5.87 ms., at \$53,500.00 per mile. Bridge over Neches river, (Beaumont) to cost \$400,000.00. Concrete road under construction from Beaumont across Jefferson and Liberty counties, average cost \$44,800.00 per mile. When completed, paved road from Sabine river (Orange) westward will total about 87 ms. Gravel and paving into Houston for remaining distance.

HOUSTON TO SAN ANTONIO, 220 ms.

Gravel and paving with following exceptions:

Ft. Bend county, dirt, with Sugarland road district now building federal standard gravel road.

East of Waelder, 8 ms. of graded dirt.

East of Seguin, 16 ms. federal standard gravel under construction.

Schertz to Converse, 3.4 ms., paved road under construction.

Paving from Converse to San Antonio, about 10 ms., not yet provided for.

SAN ANTONIO TO EL PASO, 593 ms.

West Texas sections now falling in arrears compared with construction proceeding in other sections.

San Antonio to five miles beyond Junction, 132 ms., federal standard paving and gravel, with graded dirt, Boerne--Comfort--Center Point section.

Sutton, Crockett and Pecos counties, dirt.

From Reeves county, near Kent, to El Paso, 170 ms., federal standard gravel and paving.

EL PASO TO NEW MEXICO LINE, 20 ms.

Paved.

(Compilation of Eastern Department completed; Western Department in preparation.)