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he asked me to take the matter up with you, and ascertain your views
with reference to the date for the annual meeting, before committing
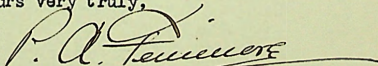himself in any way to the New Orleans people.

If the ideas of those who framed and adopted the Bay St. Louis reso-
lution are carried out, the next meeting would be held at New Or-
leans, in connection with the annual meeting of the Old Spanish Trail.
The resolution contemplated an invitation to the Governors, State
Highway Engineers, State Highway Commissioners, Senators and Congress-
men of those states and districts through which the Old Spanish Trail
is routed. Should the officials of the Old Spanish Trail decide to
hold a meeting of the magnitude and importance outlined in the reso-
lution, there is a good sized job ahead for somebody, and ample time
should be taken to permit the vast amount of essential detail work
to be done, in an intelligent, orderly and thorough manner.

On the other hand, if the conference is to be one of communities from
Pensacola to New Orleans inclusive, it will be a much simpler prop-
osition to handle, and an earlier date could be selected. Mr. Cochrane
will be absent from Mobile for the greater part of the time until
December 8th or 10th. If you think it desirable to have a conference
of these eastern communities at New Orleans the week of the 11th,
he will be glad to attend it, and I am sure we will be able to get
a representative and good sized gathering, even though it is rather
close to the holiday season.

Without any desire of having my personal ideas prevail, and merely
as a suggestion, I submit for your consideration the thought that
the suggested New Orleans annual meeting of the Old Spanish Trail
Association offers a splendid opportunity to put much needed strength
behind your national organization.

You are more familiar with the general situation than I, and we will
meet your views, both as to the character of the meeting and the
dates, and will do our best to make the occasion a success.

Yours very truly,

P. A. Fenimore

General Secretary.

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