

Goliad, Mission Valley and Victoria are some of the localities of these old days. The Coast Trail continued on northward to Nacogdoches. Missions were built in all these localities. Later when San Antonio was settled the trail from Mexico to Nacogdoches, known as the Old San Antonio Road, was used, and the San Antonio missions were built. Missions were also planted at Uvalde and at Menard. These old mission centers, if connected by an intelligently planned system of highways linking into the Main Line of the Old Spanish Trail would open a territory rich in historical, agricultural and commercial interest, and open Texas to tourists as California is now opened by her highways.

When the French occupied Louisiana and the Spanish worked up the Gulf Coast from Mexico to protect the Texas territory, and if possible prosecute her claims to the Mississippi Valley country. Nacogdoches became the northern Spanish Frontier.