

February 27th, 1933

Mr. Herbert Bayliss,
Sec. Old Spanish Trail,
Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Bayliss:-

Yours of the 23rd to Mr. Ayres received and this is to advise you that he is in Alabama and has been for 60 days. He assisted them in their \$35,000,000 bond issue and is now organizing them to finance a \$3,000,000 bridge just out of Mobile.

He has arranged to have the Highway Commission of Alabama hold their monthly meeting at Mobile on the 20th of March, and has been giving those people some genuine leadership that will probably enable the OST to get across not only Alabama but Mississippi and Florida as well, and at odd times he runs over the route east and boosts them up for a day or two and then comes back and gets on his Mobile job. In his absence Dr. Johnston is in charge of the office and I am doing what I can to help out any place along the line.

We are thinking of getting up a party of one or two cars and drive thru to this big meeting at Mobile on the 20th of March. President Johnston says he will go and I think we can start out of this town. Could you get a car to go from Lake Charles? I believe this is very important and it will be a big boost for Mr. Ayres in solving the big problems he has down that way; and it will also help Louisiana.

Thanking you for the splendid news contained in your letter with reference to the finances for the marking and will say that we are ready to start the marking crew east just as soon as Orange and Lake Charles and some of the other towns in Louisiana are ready to defray the expenses.

If there is any help we can give you from this office we are at your command.

We are forwarding the information requested to Saint Paul.

Very truly yours,