

In a publicity campaign, and other important service, the convention should decide if this service is to be extended to states or localities that do not or will not give membership support.

10 A move to stimulate and educate the people along the OST would be an annual dinner or other gathering each year to celebrate the birth of the Old Spanish Trail, Headquarters, of course, helping to supply material for the programs. The birth of the OST was at Mobile December 10-11, 1915, with 419 delegates present. 1923 will be the eighth anniversary.

11 Now that senators, congressmen, the War Department and the eight states have acted it is suggested by Senator Craft, of Mobile, that the governors of the eight states, and the highway commissioners and state engineers and federal engineers, and senators, congressmen and the Secretary of War, be brought together at this convention and this work in its national aspect more thoroly acted upon. There is still much to be done, both ~~to~~ to protect and to hasten the work. This sort of a convention is possible if preparations are started early enough and handled with sufficient constructive intelligence. Congress will not be in session in November.

12 OIL, tire, auto, material and other concerns of large interest in the construction and service of this highway, and the hotels, should be specially encouraged to have delegates present. Their financial support should be merited by this organization, and granted by them as good business

Finally, we may plan and think as we will, for this ~~or any~~ convention but the acts and resolutions will only have force and effect if representatives are present with influence enough to go back home and help put the policies over.

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Under the federal aid law of November 1921 federal aid is reserved to the trunkline roads, not exceeding 7% of the mileage of the state. Before November 1924 each state must provide a state fund for the complete maintenance of federal aid roads, or lose the federal aid allotment. Experience shows trunklines must be well built, and given an enduring surface, or maintenance costs become excessive. This is leading the states to provide not only a maintenance fund but money for construction as nearly permanent as possible. The Convention should consider means for organizing to assist its highway departments in every possible way to secure effective state highway laws and ^{an} adequate state highway fund.