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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Columbus, Texas,  
June 5, 1926.

Mr. J. C. Baumgarten,  
Director, East Texas Div.,  
Old Spanish Trail,  
Schulenburg, Texas.

Dear Mr. Baumgarten:

I am informed that efforts are on foot to change the name of the Old Spanish Trail highway, and hope you will protest most vigorously to our State Highway Commission against this proposed change of name. Of course, the other names that have been suggested appeal strongly to our sentiment, but it occurs to me that those names should be applied to some other highway, and not to a single link in this great chain.

The Old Spanish Trail has become so well established in the minds of the people of this and other states, and the name should, and does, appeal to the sentiment and judgment of the people across the entire southern part of our continent. It is the hope of many of us to have this established as a great national highway, and I think a change in name on any section of it at this time to be a great mistake.

I sincerely hope that you will make strong protest to the State Highway Commission. I am as ever,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. J. Mansfield.

JJM/s.