

horticultural experts provided. Growing satsuma oranges, grapes, blueberries, other fruits, truck and farm products. **BLACKWATER RIVER** at Milton.

***MILTON.** A busy little city. Country hotel. Near by, at Bagdad, are the lumber interests of the Blackwater River. The **BAGDAD INN** and meals very good.

***ESCAMBIA BAY.** Long bridge and causeway; cost \$1,000,000; length 18,470 ft. Another of the hard construction and financing works of the Old Spanish Trail.

***PENSACOLA.** Naval and aviation stations. A great deep-water port. De Luna landed on the Pensacola mainland in 1559 with the largest expedition that attempted the conquest of Florida. Disaster and Indian emity soon forced his return to Vera Cruz. **SAN CARLOS HOTEL** just doubled in size, refined Spanish type; all rooms with bath. **MANHATTAN HOTEL**, moderate. Municipal camp on Bayou Texas, northeast; free, caretaker, well-equipped. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

FLORIDA-ALABAMA STATE LINE

Perdido River

ALABAMA—77 MILES

Road Conditions

From the Florida line to Mobile Bay bridge the road is still poor neighborhood type. There are 50 mile, more or less, of gravel that will vary with the weather and with the progress of construction. The bay is crossed by bridge and causeways, 10½ mi. From Mobile to Mississippi line is paved. No ferries.

Description of Country

South Alabama is high and rolling. Early Irish potatoes, cucumbers and cabbages are shipped in large quantity. There are extensive orchards of pecans and satsuma oranges. Fishing and hunting fine among the waterways and coastal sections. The drinking water thru the country is soft and pure.

Old History

Mobile was founded by the French in 1711 when Fort Louis de la Mobile was located at the site of the present city hall and armory. It takes its name from "Manvila," Spanish form of the name of the Indian tribe whose valiant attack upon De Soto so nearly destroyed his expedition. Later Mobile was under the rule of the Spaniards. While the French were at Mobile and the Spanish at Pensacola a Spanish outpost was on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay where the bridge now lands—that spot is still called Spanish Fort.

LOXLEY. Early Irish potatoes, cucumbers, satsuma orange and pecan orchards. **STAPLETON HOTEL**, good meals. Community camp in pine grove. Inf.—R. M. Mahler, at the post office, and see page 44.

OAK KNOLL TAVERN. Two miles east of Cochrane Bridge. One of the high eastern points on the OST, 263 ft. Old Spanish Fort lands and breastworks. The **TAVERN** is well spoken of, nice rustic location, modern conveniences. American plan. Dollar dinners for travelers their pride.

MOBILE BAY. Cochrane Bridge opened June 1927. Toll \$1.00; extra passengers 10c. Another great Old Spanish Trail structure. Cost \$2,500,000. Length 10½ mi. Three bays and five rivers compose Mobile Bay.

***MOBILE.** The Port of Alabama; the State is building the most modern port facilities in the U. S., costing \$10,000,000. This and the bridging of Mobile Bay opens Mobile as the southern focal point of highways, waterways, railroads and ocean lanes. An unusual port, ample facilities, 40 steamship lines, six railroads, and miles of convenient frontage for expansion. Center of fertile agricultural district; early cabbage, potatoes, cucumbers, satsuma orange and pecan nut orchards. Fishing, hunting and water sports, bay and gulf resorts. Founded by the French 1711. (See page 47).

MOBILE—Continued

Hotels—BATTLE HOUSE, fine modern hotel. **BIENVILLE** and **CAWTHON** Hotels, semi-modern.

Municipal camp operated by lessee on Mobile Bay 3½ mi. south, cottage accommodations \$1.75 per night; camp space 50c. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

GRAND BAY. Satsuma orange and pecan orchards; truck raising. Country hotel. Camp space.

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE

MISSISSIPPI—96 MILES

Road Conditions

Paved from the Alabama line to Bay St. Louis; then 28 mi. of well maintained gravel to the Louisiana line.

Description of Country

The eastern part is cut-over coastal plain pineland. From Ocean Springs to Bay St. Louis is the Gulf Boulevard section where the shore is lined with fine homes and hotels, and realty-resort development of a high order. A sea-wall and boulevard are built along the coast. The gulf cities are all-year resorts.

Old History

Biloxi was the first French settlement in Old Louisiana, 1699, and the first seat of government. Then they founded Mobile in 1711 and New Orleans in 1718. Later Spain ruled the territory.

MOSS POINT. Lumber town. Wrapping paper mills. Fresh and salt water fishing. Clean country hotel. Free camp on OST.

***PASCAGOULA.** On the Gulf of Mexico and the Pascagoula River. **POL HOTEL.** Camp space near beach. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

PASCAGOULA RIVER. Ferry, continuous, 50c. Bridge by May 1928, toll 50c.

GAUTIER. West side of river. Camp space.

OCEAN SPRINGS. On the gulf and Biloxi Bay. Resort city. Shrimp and oyster fisheries. Pecans and satsuma oranges. **PINES HOTEL.** Gulf Hills, fine realty and resort development.

BILOXI BAY.

BILOXI. Resort capital of the "Emerald Coast." First capital of Old Louisiana, settled in 1699. Fisheries harbor in Back Bay; oyster and shrimp packing houses on the gulf. **BUENA VISTA HOTEL**, popular gulf beach and social hotel; the **AVELEZ**, new, down-town; **RIVIERA**, on the beach, moderate; the **KENNEDY**, popular, down-town, fills early.

Private camp, near city, west, 50c up. Free camp in fine grove on Back Bay, northwest. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce and Buena Vista Hotel.

***GULFPORT.** Deep seaport. Resort and commercial city, center of the Gulf Boulevard development, growing rapidly. **GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL**, spacious, comfortable, overlooking the gulf; **HOTEL MARKHAM**, new and modern, down-town; **HOTEL RAYNER**, moderate. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

LONG BEACH. Radish and truck growing inland.

PASS CHRISTIAN. Resort city, facing the gulf and the Bay of St. Louis. Numerous realty-resort developments. **MIRAMAR HOTEL**, nice family hotel, faces the gulf; **HOTEL NELSON**, new commercial, good.

BAY OF ST. LOUIS. Bridge completed February 1928.

***RAY ST. LOUIS.** A resort city on the Bay of St. Louis and the gulf, developing rapidly. Fishing, sailing, bathing. **HOTEL WESTON**, new, modern, overlooking the bay. Camp space. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

MISSISSIPPI-LOUISIANA STATE LINE

East Pearl River.