

May 30, 1917.

Mr. L. P. Dickie, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Tampa, Fla.

My dear Mr. Dickie:

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. to Mrs. Phillips, which she showed me when I was in Tallahassee at the Convention.

I had a talk with her and with Mr. Lollesgard and explained the whole situation to them, that Tampa was not left off the Old Spanish Trail and that Jacksonville was not a terminal. The terminal ever since the first convention has been Miami, and my recollection is your motion at Convention in 1915 was that the Old Spanish Trail run to Miami ~~from~~ Tampa, and this was agreed on.

However, for practical purposes it was necessary for Locke to show a road by which tourists could get to Miami, and for this reason his book showed road running, in addition to Tampa, to Miami via Jacksonville. It also shows as under construction a link from Tampa to Miami, and the intention was and is when this link is completed, to eliminate the eastern optional road unless the Florida Vice-President, Directors and Convention change it.

The reason why your letter was not answered sooner was I thought President Pillans answered it and I was very busy. I explained to Mr. Lollesgard, as your representative, the difficulty the Old Spanish Trail had incurred in trying to get recognition from Tampa. We claim ed the Old Spanish Trail went through Tampa, but on all maps and routes in Florida published, it ~~shows~~ the route we had designated as the Old Spanish Trail under the name of the Dixie Highway. I never yet saw a map gotten out by Tampa or Florida that showed the Old Spanish Trail running through Tampa, and you will remember we had quite some correspondence on this subject, but without result. I hope that you are now able to advise me that this has been