

The first official meeting was held at Brownsville Thursday night, May 4th, and was attended by both state and county officials. Mayor Cole being selected as Chairman of the meeting. Judge McCrory and Captain Fauntleroy having gone by train reached Brownsville at noon that day and were the only two members of the party present for the banquet tendered the inspection party and the mass meeting held that night. Mr. Lesh arrived in Brownsville on the night train. The rest of the party arrived Friday morning and left immediately with the entire party for Mission accompanied by County Judge Dancy and County Engineer Washington.

We were met en route by Mr. P. S. Davine, County Engineer Hidalgo County, and after lunch an informal meeting was held in the parlors of the hotel, with Mayor Ferguson presiding, and a number of the business men were present.

The next stop being San Fordyce, where Colonel Jadwin inspected the abandoned post and Capt. Fauntleroy being the only man in the party that could talk two languages did all of the talking for the party.

Rio Grande City was reached in time for the night meeting. Mr. Geo. E. Marsh, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, met our party and piloted us to the hotel and that evening the meeting was held at the courthouse. Mr. Fred Guerra, Secretary Old Spanish Trail Association, presided. Judge McCrory, Captain Fauntleroy, Mr. Lesh and Colonel Jadwin were the principle speakers for the inspection party. After which Mr. Horace Guerra, member commissioners court from Roma, endorsed the proposition on behalf of the county. Mr. L.R. Brooks, President First National Bank made a short talk in which he heartily endorsed the movement, as well as three or four other very prominent men of that community.

Saturday morning Mr. Fred Guerra accompanied our party to Roma where Mr. Horace Guerra, his brother, joined us and piloted our party to Zapata. After lunch a meeting was held in the courthouse with Judge Sanchez presiding, and after the officials had explained the proposition and the workings of the highway department and the federal government, the meeting went on record unanimously as favoring