

ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE  
CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

W. B. GILL  
MANAGER

TRAFFIC BUREAU  
W. B. GILL TRAFFIC MANAGER.

"RICE CITY OF AMERICA"

March 20, 1929.

Mr. Harrel Ayres, Managing Director,  
Old Spanish Trail Association,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated Rice Hotel,  
Houston, Texas, March 13, and reading as follows:

" Telegram received. Kindly send copy of minutes  
and list those present and how they voted."

If I were inclined to lack courtesy as you do, I would  
say in reply, " None of your business ". However, I am inclined to  
treat you with more courtesy.

Your letter purports to be a reply to a wire from me,  
acting on the authority vested in me at a meeting of the executive  
committee of the Louisiana Division, Old Spanish Trail, such  
wire requesting you to effect a settlement with J. F. Wilson, for  
services performed in Louisiana by Mr. Wilson, for the Old Spanish  
Trail Association. It is necessary that I present to you, the  
facts pertaining to this matter. Acting in you capacity as the  
Managing Director of the Old Spanish Trail Association, you sent  
Mr. Wilson to Louisiana to conduct a campaign for finances in  
this state. Mr. Wilson worked diligently and succeeded in  
raising \$1050.00, such funds being forwarded to you at San Antonio,  
At a meeting of the Louisiana Division, Old Spanish Trail Assoc-  
iation, held at New Iberia, in January 1929, you reported you  
had paid to Mr. Wilson from the funds sent to you from Louisiana,  
an amount of \$675.00, being compensation to Mr. Wilson on a  
basis of nine weeks work at \$75.00, per week, which would indicate  
a balance of \$375.00, to the credit of Louisiana at San Antonio  
headquarters. The Louisiana Division meeting at New Iberia, in  
executive session, decided the expense was out of proportion  
and requested discontinuance of Mr. Wilson's work until a later  
date, which you agreed to, you to assign Mr. Wilson to some other  
state until we were ready to complete, our work in Louisiana.  
You failed to do this and Wilson, remained idle at Crowley, his  
temporary headquarters, without instructions of any kind from  
you. Finally, Dupont, Mouton and the writer, arranged for two  
weeks work in Louisiana for Wilson and paid him, from funds on