

We are also advised that Texas and the West are interested in a motorcade to run from California over the Old Spanish Trail to St. Augustine, Florida and that St. Augustine will arrange a celebration to cost \$25,000. An Old Spanish Trail monument is to be dedicated at St. Augustine. The Spanish Government has already appointed representatives. But, we are advised, this motorcade cannot be considered unless there is full cooperation in the work and full participation in the costs.

We likewise know that Louisiana OST cities have organized a State Motor chapter to hasten the paving across Louisiana and that the Louisiana Highway Commission has responded by officially rating the Old Spanish Trail first on the State program. If we throw in the weight of our interest and Hancock county is built and paved to connect with the Rigolets Bridge there will then be complete pavement from the Mexican Border at Laredo, Texas thru San Antonio and the Mississippi Coast to the Atlantic Ocean at St. Augustine and also at New York, so rapidly is the OST and its feeders progressing.

We have carefully satisfied ourselves as to all these facts. Our pride in the Old Spanish Trail should inspire us to help lead in its development. Our need for the development of this Coast land country should make us active and forward in travel promotion. The fall movement of the homeseeker will begin by October. The summer movement of the winter traveler who spends all winter somewhere in the sunshine is near at hand. The West is active now in pulling these people their way.

That we may meet and confer in our own interest we invite the citizens of the Coast cities to Gulfport, September 29th. Meanwhile we will continue our studies and be prepared with every helpful suggestion possible.

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