



## OLD SPANISH TRAIL CLAIMS RIGHT TO STAY ON TEXAS MAP; CHANGE IN NAME MEANS BIG LOSS

Plans by the state highway department to eliminate the "Old Spanish Trail" from the road map of Texas are vigorously opposed by H. B. Ayres, managing director of the association which has for years sponsored the Old Spanish Trail.

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About a month ago the Texas Highway Commission gave the name of Jefferson Davis to the highway from the Red River through Austin and San Antonio to Laredo. This highway, nationally known as the Meridian Highway, was some time ago locally named the Pat Neff Highway.

At the same meeting the Old Spanish Trail from Orange to El Paso was named in Texas the Stephen F. Austin Highway. At the last meeting of the highway commission the name

ment that depends upon the national trunklines to carry them on their interstate journeys?

Texas is the middle third on the Old Spanish Trail. Its geographical location will give it large advantage in bringing and keeping travel in the state. Texas has lands to settle; it needs investment and development—all this good will and national interest built up by 10 years of work should not be lightly cast aside.

Texas, in naming roads for local sentiment, should not interfere with highways of interstate and national character. The Lincoln Highway if named and marked according to the ideas of each state would soon lapse as a national highway known to everyone and sought by tens of thousands in their overland trips.

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