

OLD SPANISH TRAIL.

1 Construction of roads and bridges will be so completed by the end of 1926 we must now plan to invite, bring and take proper care of a large volume of travel.

2 The organization program for 1926-27 is somewhat as outlined on printed leaflet.

3 The paving program is now in active progress from St. Augustine, Florida to Bay St. Louis, Miss. except 33 mi. in Baldwin County, Ala. From Bay St. Louis to New Orleans, gravel. (Not all federal Std.) From New Orleans to Texas line, gravel. ( " " " " ) From Louisiana line across Texas to 80 mi. west of San Antonio, paving Fed. Standard. From San Antonio to San Diego, Cal., gravel and paving Fed. Std.

4 Louisiana is the only state across half the continent (St. Augustine to San Antonio) without a paving and bridge program in active progress.

5 A federal standard road means:-

Right of way not less than 66 ft. No sharp turns  
Roadbed 40 ft or over Elimination of RR grade cross'gs  
Paving should be 18 to 20 ft. Permanent, wide drainage Structures  
Curves and hills with clear view ahead, of 300 to 400 ft.  
Permanent bridges 20 ft. wide or more. Outer levels raised on curves.

Louisiana has very little federal standard roads, bridges and drainage structures on the Old Spanish Trail built, seasoned and ready for paving therefore Louisiana is not even ready for paving program.

6 The New Orleans district is also not ready for paving, and not federal standard. The other O S T city districts are completed with federal standard paving.

7 New Orleans should now consider as follows:

- a. Prompt completion of federal standard road to the lake bridge-head. A year of seasoning is necessary before paving.
- b. Prompt completion of federal standard work from Mississippi river to Raceland. This section needs also to be straightened, therefore shortened.
- c. Decision as to entrance into New Orleans across river.
- d. The routing thru New Orleans.
- e. The marking thru New Orleans.
- f. The name and marking across Louisiana.
- g. Ferry service.

8 The national organization must have the financial cooperation of New Orleans to carry on its program. The rural towns heretofore have paid most of the costs. New Orleans paid to the O.S.T. in 1923 \$2561.45 for convention expenses at New Orleans that year. This did not cover all expenses. No other funds for general or other administration have been received from New Orleans in seven years of work. In this period it has cost the national administration over \$150,000.