development followed. Streams a foot in diameter are ceaselessly pumped from shallow wells but the main supply comes from the bayous and rivers. The network of canals, ditches and fields is best viewed from the top of the First National Bank building. One mile west on the Old Spanish Trail is the rice experiment station that has done so much to develop the rice industry of America. Visitors can learn many interesting things from Superintendent J. M. Jenkins.

EGAN HOTEL is best. The INN is new and attractive. Camp, in town, 50c.

MERMENTAU RIVER. Store, country hotel, camp space. A beautiful river.

\*JENNINGS. Another real American city developed by the rice industry; also fine staple cotton. Evangeline oil field 6 mi. east where one well made nearly 4,000,000 bbls. South 14 mi. is Lake Arthur and the village and the hunting club with its nation-wide membership, for south thru the Mermentau River are Grand Lake, Mallard Bay, a myriad of inlets, wild lands and marshes, and the Gulf of Mexico. The Lake Arthur Club has a preserve of 11,000 A. Eastward are the Rockefeller and Sage wild life preserves facing the gulf for 75 mi. Here lie the natural winter refuges of birds and their feeding grounds, and now the rice fields add to their joys. Ducks and geese in their season blacken the skies, these preserves are their protection. The Jennings Chamber of Commerce will gladly help Old Spanish Trail hunters or fishermen. The HOTEL ARDEN-NES at Jennings is modern, nicely furnished and liked. The LAKE ARTHUR HOTEL, at the lake, rms. only. Free camp space available.

More Mileage Sta. service day and night; also repairs, genuine Ford parts and other service, C. E. Stackhouse, the owner, is attentive. Broussard Service Sta. is good; Dunlop tires, Pan-Am Gas. Also well liked.

WELSH. Rice, cotton, cattle and a nice little city. HOTEL ABBOTT, new, many rms. with bath. Nice free camp in park, south; shady, swimming pool.

\*LAKE CHARLES. A deep-water port and metropolis of Southwest Louisiana on Calcasieu River and Lake Charles. Fine residence city. Cotton. rice, cattle and general farming; important oil fields near, MAJESTIC HOTEL, 100 rms., popular old southern type. Also CHER-OKEE and RIGMAIDEN HOTELS, moderate. Camp space near lake. Inf .- Association of Commerce.

CALCASIEU RIVER

SULPHUR. Exhausted sulphur mines near; superheated steam forced to the sulphur beds far underground melted the sulphur and compressed air forced it to the surface. Large mines now south of Houston, Country hotel. Camp on OST at Ellenders Service Sta.

VINTON. 18,000 A. of rice around Vinton-a million dollar crop. Ged oil field 4 mi. south, producing since 1911. SHAW HOTEL, 32 rms. modern, good cooking; free car storage. Cabin camp 50c to \$1.00, good. Inf .-- J. N. Wetherill, at Calcasieu Bank.

## LOUISIANA-TEXAS STATE LINE Sabine River.

The new bridge 3 mi, long will be completed in October. It is costing \$1,000,000, the cost shared by the Orange and Lake Charles districts, the states of Louisiana and Texas, and Federal Aid funds. Many years spent struggling with the financial difficulties; then when the contractors began, floods and marshes, alligators and pests, sink holes and discouragements, had to be conquered. But this is the story

of most of the Old Spanish Trail construction, costs that were an acid test of faith, engineering that knew no defeat, builders equal to every demand.

Good ferry, essentially continuous until midnight, 75c and \$1.00. This ferry ceases when bridge is opened.

## TEXAS-929 MILES

\*ORANGE. Deep-water port and municipal docks. Large lumber interests of the Sabine River. Creosoting, pine paper pulp, and iron works, Important oil fields near, NEW HOLLAND HOTEL, good. Inf .- Chamber of Commerce.

## EAST TEXAS

## Orange to San Antonio, 329 miles

Fine driving across East Texas. There are 171 mi, of first-class paying, 15 mi, of fair hard surface, balance good gravel except 20 mi, Richmond to East Bernard of black dirt, bad in wet weather. This is financed for pavement; a gravel and paved detour adding 8 mi, will soon be ready, 25 mi, more paving now under contract. Complete pavement across East Texas is progressing steadily. \* \* \*

East Texas is one of the richest sections on the Old Spanish Trail, Beaumont and Houston are developing industrial and financial leadership and growing fast. Houston's ship channel, with Galveston at the entrance, carries exports of 17 railroads. In the Sabine District are the Ports of Beaumont and Orange.

Port Arthur and Port Neckes, serving southeast Texas and contiguous states and themselves harboring big industrial plants and expanding rapidly.

This Sabine District is one of the big oil producing, refining, manufacturing, distributing and exporting centers of the U. S Beaumont is also the commercial center of a rich agricultural and lumber region. Farm products of large acreage are sugar cane, figs, corn, cotton, peanuts, rice, satsuma oranges, truck, goats, sheep, cattle and poultry.

Texas is large. One-third of the Old Spanish Trail is in Texas. ACKES IN REFE. UNB-third of the Old Sphanesh Fran is in Ackies. Travelers, seeing so much unsettled country, get mistaken ideas. Texas has proven its agricultural fertility, yet its vast area is developed only in spots. In South and East Texas these areas offer unusual opportunities to the homescelers and homescelers are coming in large numbers. Hydro-electric power lines, oil pipe lines and natural gas lines total tens of thousands of miles and new lines being continually constructed. New hotels along the Old Spanish Trail just built or now building total over \$30,000,000 in Texas alone.

West of Houston, to San Antonio, the rolling hills begin. This country is closely farmed, fertile, prosperous and pretty. The drinking water generally is good. 10

The intitletical of San Arcinto is east of Houston. There Gen. Sam Husston and his band of Texas patiots destroyed the Arcine of the San Arcinto is a set of the San Arcine Arcine 21, 1830, The first attempt to disarm the patients rales, now known as the "Lexington of 6, 1830 and the parent of Sam Houston's Jucito New York of 6, 1830 and the parent bands of the San Arcine the transfer Texans swept thru the Mexicans and work this land for Americans.

NECHES RIVER. Long bridge and approaches involved many construction problems.

\*BEAUMONT. Deep-water port and industrial city, center of a dozen oil fields, big refineries, shipyards, steel and tank car and other manufacturing; commercial center of the vast East Texas truck, fruit and farming areas and of the Louisiana-Texas rice growing region, the largest in the world. Living conditions are reflected by the fact Beaumont shows the lowest death rate of any city in Texas.

Beaumont and the Sabine district have grown with the automobile; the cars and people of a million roads are moving by the mysterious power generated here, Spindle Top, in sight of Beaumont's skyscrapers, was the first and most famous gusher field in America; it produced 50,000,-000 bbls, and was thought exhausted. Then the Yount-