

northward in New Mexico to Santa Fe (332 ms.). Also to include tributaries. The Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe passed thru El Paso.

The oldest and most romantic works in the Spanish Southwest, Santa Fe is the second oldest city in the United States. The prehistoric Indian works and the old Spanish adventure and effort are an interwoven romance. This is all naturally a part of the Old Spanish Trail system.

VIII. WESTERN DIVISION—1,000 Miles.

Arizona and California to Los Angeles, 825 ms. The old mission works in California continued northward beyond San Francisco.

The Santa Cruz Valley in Arizona, Tucson to Nogales, 86.5 ms., was a western entrance from Old Mexico into the Spanish Southwest. The old missions, San Xavier (1692) and Tumacacori, older, are there, two of the most remarkable churches ever built in a wilderness.

In Arizona and California were the last of the works of the Spaniard, and the most numerous of those amazing communal establishments, the old Franciscan missions built a day's journey apart, the first at San Diego in 1769.

In Arizona, too, Coronado in 1540, with an expedition worthy of a king's ransom, searched for the Cities of Gold. He pushed his search for three years thru northern Texas and on to northeastern Kansas, then returned a broken man.

IX. MEXICAN DIVISION—1000 Miles.

From Houston and from San Antonio south to the Rio Grande Valley and Brownsville, then on to Mexico City. Plans for a paved road to Brownsville are well advanced. The work in Mexico is in process of organization. One of the most ancient Spanish trails was up the Gulf Coast from Mexico. This was the first penetration of the Texas country. Refugio, Corpus Christi, San Patricio and a host of other names testify to ancient Spanish endeavor. The mission fathers plodded this trail in those first heroic years to save Texas from La Salle's colony and from the French in Louisiana. The site of La Salle's fateful landing was on this trail. The first group of missions at Nacogdoches and those at Victoria, Goliad and Mission Valley were served by this old trail, and it is rich with records of those remarkable days.

The Main Line of the OST calls for supreme effort at present, but an Old Spanish Trail all around the Gulf from Tampa, the earliest eastern gateway, to Brownsville the land's end in the United States on the western shores of the Gulf and on to Tampico and Mexico City, will prove an historical and interesting phase of rapidly unfolding plans for the greatest travel-way in the country.

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THE MARKING SYSTEM

The route marking and special signaling is in progress. It will take all of 1922 to complete the work. Texas has 1600 of preliminary marking on trunklines and tributaries finished. Trunklines carry the OST on a white background, as the design shows. The top band is red; the bottom band is yellow. The trunklines are numbered. The Main Line is number 1; the borderland trunkline thru Del Rio, Texas, is number 3; the Mexican extension, thru Brownsville, is number 2; other trunkline extensions, wherever laid down, will be numbered this way. The number appears in a circle on a white background above the OST mark and color band. Arrows, on a white background below the OST mark, indicate corners and turns. Tourist loops and tributary lines are indicated by the same color design with the letters TL instead of OST. The TL routes are also numbered. Connecting points will be specially signed. Interesting places will be signed. The loops and tributaries embrace interesting



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drives around cities and towns, routes to historical places, scenic attractions, campsites, etc. Travel books will be issued to carry all desirable data and information. District map slips will be issued carrying a log of distances, a diagram of routes marked, location of campsites and a list of councilors. Councilors are local leaders and OST officials interested in promoting the comforts and hospitalities of his community and district.

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