

## ALABAMA—77 MILES

### Road Conditions

From the Florida line to Loxley, 22 mi., the road is under construction. Should be a completed gravel road summer 1929. From Loxley to Mobile, 24 1/2 mi., new sand-clay and paving. Mobile Bay is crossed by bridge and causeways. 10 1/2 mi. From Mobile to Mississippi line is paved. No ferries.

### Description of Country

South Alabama is high and rolling. Early Irish potatoes, cucumbers and cabbages are shipped in large quantity. There are extensive orchards of pecans and satsuma oranges. Fishing and hunting fine among the waterways and coastal sections. The drinking water thru the country is soft and pure.

### Old History

Mobile was founded by the French in 1711 when Fort Louis de la Mobile was located at the site of the present city hall and armory. It takes its name from "Maubila," Spanish form of Soto so nearly destroyed his expedition. Later Mobile was under the rule of the Spaniards. While the French were at Mobile and the Spanish at Pensacola a Spanish outpost was on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay where the bridge now stands—that spot is still called Spanish Fort.

**LOXLEY.** Early Irish potatoes, cucumbers, satsuma orange and pecan orchards. **STAPLETON HOTEL,** good meals. Community camp in pine grove. Inf.—R. M. Mahler, at the post office. (See adv.)

**MOBILE BAY.** Cochrane Bridge opened June, 1927. Toll \$1.00; extra passengers 10c. Another great Old Spanish Trail structure. Cost \$2,500,000. Length 10 1/2 mi. Three bays and five rivers compose Mobile Bay.

**\*MOBILE.** The Port of Alabama. The State is building the most modern port facilities in the U.S. costing \$10,000,000. This and the bridging of Mobile Bay opens Mobile as the southern focal point of highways, waterways, railroads and ocean lanes. An unusual port, ample facilities, 40 steamship lines, six railroads, and miles of convenient frontage for expansion. Center of fertile agricultural district; early cabbage, potatoes, cucumbers, satsuma orange and pecan nut orchards. Fishing, hunting, water sports, bay and gulf resorts. Founded by the French in 1711.

**HOTELS—BATTLE HOUSE,** fine modern hotel. **CAVTHON HOTEL,** good accommodations. **BIENVILLE,** semi-modern. **ST. ANDREW,** moderate rates.

**CAMP—Municipal,** operated by lessee on Mobile Bay 3 1/2 mi. south. cottage accommodations \$1.75 per night; camp space 50c. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

**GRAND BAY.** Satsuma orange and pecan orchards; truck raising. Country hotel. Camp space.

## ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE

### MISSISSIPPI—96 MILES

### Road Conditions

Paved from the Alabama line to Bay St. Louis; then 28 mi. of gravel to the Louisiana line.

### Description of Country

The eastern part is cut-over coastal plain pineland. From Ocean Springs to Bay St. Louis is the Gulf Boulevard section where the shore is lined with fine homes and hotels, and really-resort development of a high order. A sea-wall and boulevard for 30 mi. along the coast. The gulf cities are all-year resorts.

### Old History

Biloxi was the first French settlement in Old Louisiana, 1699, and the first seat of government. Then they founded Mobile in 1711 and New Orleans in 1718. Later Spain ruled the territory.

**MOSS POINT.** Lumber town. Wrapping paper mills. Fresh and salt water fishing. Clean country hotel. Free camp on OST.

**\*PASCAGOULA.** On the Gulf of Mexico and the Pascagoula River

**HOTELS—POL HOTEL,** fair commercial. **GULF COVE INN,** near the beach in a rustic setting, nice home-like place. Hot water heat; running water in rms. Single, \$1.50; double \$2.00. Meals extra.

Camp space near beach. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce. **PASCAGOULA RIVER.** New bridge, toll 50c. **GAUTIER.** West side of river. Camp space.

**OCEAN SPRINGS.** On the gulf and Biloxi Bay. Resort city. Shrimp and oyster fisheries. Pecans and satsuma oranges. Gulf Hills, fine realty and resort development.

**HOTELS—PINES HOTEL,** near the beach. **ELGIN HOUSE,** rms. only, in business district. **BAYOU INN,** on the bayou, OST west. **FRENCH,** on the beach.

### BILOXI BAY.

**BILOXI.** Resort capital of the "Emerald Coast." First capital of Old Louisiana, settled in 1699. Fisheries harbor in Back Bay; oyster and shrimp packing houses on the gulf.

**HOTELS—**On the beach, **TIVOLI,** **BUENA VISTA,** **NEW BILOXI,** **WHITE HOUSE,** **RIVIERA.** Commercial, **AVELEZ** and **KENNEDY.**

Private camp, near city, west, 50c up. Free camp in fine grove on Back Bay, northwest. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

**EDGEWATER GULF HOTEL,** 400 rms., A.P., most of them overlook the gulf. 6 mi. west of Biloxi.

**\*GULFPORT.** Seaport. Resort and commercial city, center of the Gulf Boulevard development, growing rapidly. **HOTELS—GREAT SOUTHERN,** spacious, comfortable, overlooking the gulf. **MARKHAM,** modern, downtown.

Inf.—Chamber of Commerce and Mississippi Motorists Association.

**LONG BEACH.** Radish and truck growing inland.

**PASS CHRISTIAN.** Resort city, facing the gulf and the Bay of St. Louis. Fine homes, live oak trees and pines line the shore.

**HOTELS —** Facing the gulf, **MIRAMAR** and **GREY CASTLE.** **THE NELSON,** good commercial. **INN-BY-THE-SEA,** on the Bay of St. Louis.

**BAY OF ST. LOUIS.** Bridge completed February, 1928.

**\*BAY ST. LOUIS.** A resort city on the Bay of St. Louis and the gulf, developing rapidly. Fishing, sailing, bathing. **HOTEL WESTON,** new, modern, overlooking the bay. Camp space. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

## MISSISSIPPI-LOUISIANA STATE LINE

East Pearl River.

### LOUISIANA—333 MILES

### Road Conditions

The road across Louisiana well maintained gravel. 30 mi. no paved. No dirt sections. A toll bridge is completed across Lake Pontchartrain. 15 mi. including approaches, cost \$5,200,000. Toll, see page 5. Ferry at Mississippi River, New Orleans and at Berwick Bay, Morgan City—the only ferries left on the Old Spanish Trail. Their service is constant and good. Louisiana now has good roads serving the whole State.