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### THREE DAYS OLD SPANISH TRAIL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OF TEXAS DIVISION

Will be held in the proposed State Park in the Davis Mountains eight miles west of Fort Davis, Texas.

We will all take our camping outfit and go by auto. Not a single town between San Antonio and Fort Davis will have hotel accommodations sufficient to care for our party, and besides we want to go out into the mountains and camp two nights so we can get the benefit of the park from every angle.

Those who do not want to camp can get splendid hotel accommodations at Fort Davis. In the event this town can't care for all those wanting hotel accommodations it is only 28 miles over a good road to Alpine and 26 miles to Marfa, where at least 100 can get first-class accommodations. It is 35 miles to El Paso, where the hotel is good, but small—road fair; 39 miles to Valentine—hotel good but small; roads fine.

The caravan will start from Orange on the east, picking up additional cars at all points along the route into San Antonio. Another caravan will start from Brownsville on the south, gathering recruits from all towns in the Magic Valley and along the route to San Antonio, where the two caravans will merge and the San Antonio delegation will join with probably twenty cars from other OST towns.

D. E. Colp, manager Western Department, has just returned from an inspection and arrangement trip over the entire route west. Selected the camp site for the convention and accepted the generous invitations of the towns along the route to be their guests for all noon and night meals. Breakfast being the only meal we will have to prepare between San Antonio and the camp in the Davis Mountains.

The caravan will leave San Antonio Monday morning July 3, at 8 o'clock, and reach the Davis Mountains Thursday afternoon, July 6. The convention will open at 8 p. m. and last until Saturday, July 8.

On Saturday morning we have a very pressing invitation to go to Alpine as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce for their annual celebration July 10 to 11—Old Settlers' Reunion and Cowboy Roundup. This will be the greatest attraction of its kind ever staged in West Texas.

The Alpine people have the reputation of doing things in a big way. You would know all this to be true, when they had the nerve to invite every member of our convention party to come over and be their guests from Saturday afternoon until Wednesday morning. Most of us know something of this beautiful and hustling city by its reputation when they landed the Sul Ross State Normal there a few years ago, and now have 500 young lady teachers there for the summer normal.

The convention program will be given to the press for next Sunday. We will have some of the best speakers in the State. We want every candidate in the State for the Legislature to meet us

at the Davis Mountains and get first-hand information on what the Old Spanish Trail needs through this State, the real importance of this and the Bankhead Highway, also Central Texas Highway. All three highways join near the proposed State Park. "Mr. Senator" and "Mrs. Representative," won't you come out and take a look at the 5,000 to 7,000 people that will attend this convention, and get acquainted with what these two big highways need? You must know already that they serve around 75 per cent of the people of this State, and if the State Highway Department and Federal Government are to continue aid to Texas highways you gentlemen will have to do some law-making for us.

All towns within 100 miles of Fort Davis have agreed to "throw in" to our convention with their Fourth of July celebration. This will give us a tremendous crowd. We expect to take several hundred people from East and South Texas, and there will be cars joining us from nearly all large towns throughout the State.

We have invited, and expect the Texas Highway Association, Bankhead, Jefferson Davis and Central Texas Highway Associations, to all join us at the Davis Mountains and take over a part of the program.

**INVITATION.**—We extend an invitation to all the people of Texas to take their vacation with us at this convention. Write us for further information.

Hon. W. W. McCrory, State Highway Commissioner from San Antonio, with Mrs. McCrory and daughter, Miss Marion, will head the official family of the Highway Department with our caravan to the Davis Mountains. Judge McCrory is very much in demand at the present time, especially in South and West Texas. The voters want to get some first-hand information about what will be required of Texas to continue to participate in the Federal aid for road construction. The Judge has made quite a "rep" for himself by telling the truth about some of the inefficient work done in Texas in the past and by furnishing a plan to avoid it in the future.

We won't have time to announce our program for the convention in this bulletin, but it will be published in all the leading papers at least a week before the start to the convention. We will have enough orators to entertain a dozen conventions and "speech-makers" will be so thick they will be in each other's way.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the Texas Highway Association held at Waco last month, Mr. W. T. Wheeler of Fort Worth was elected Secretary and S. Deane Wassen of San Antonio was elected Publicity Manager for the T. H. A. This will make a great team. If they don't put it over we will be surprised.

D. E. Colp, who has been manager of the Bond Department and manager of the Texas Division of the O. S. T. since January 1st, was made manager of the Western Department, taking in all of the O. S. T. Highway from the Texas-Louisiana line to San Diego, Calif., and the San Antonio-Rio Grande