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1917.

Mr. Walter Parker, General Manager,  
New Orleans Association of Commerce,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Sir:

Mr. S. A. LeBlanc, Secretary of the Old Spanish Trail Association, Mobile, has requested me to send you data regarding the Trail in Florida, and I am sending by this mail maps and other data which will give you a good idea of the great work that is being done in this State for this important highway.

I recently made a trip over the Trail, as far west as Chipley, Fla., a part of the trip being made in the terrible storm that swept this section Sept. 28th, and we were able to keep a speed of about twenty miles an hour, except when we slowed down to avoid danger of car being turned over by the wind, on return trip. The ferry at the Apalachicola river can carry three cars, and the time in crossing, usually, is about twenty minutes; fare \$1.00 per car. The road from Marianna eastward to approach to river is good, and at west approach is a good wooden bridge, with four-outs; and on the east side, a high, broad fill makes traveling safe to the high ground at Chattahoochee; from which point, the going is fine all the way to Tallahassee, and as far east as Live Oak, Fla. The road from Live Oak to Jacksonville is sandy and not very good, but many cars travel this route, daily. After January 1st, 1918, the State Road Department will have entire charge of the east and west road across Florida--the Old Spanish Trail Highway, so it will be put in first-class condition and kept so.

I hope New Orleans will send a motorcade to Tallahassee and Miami, during the coming winter. With best wishes, I am,

Very truly,

Secretary,  
Assistant Secretary Old Spanish Trail  
Association, for the East.