

San Antonio, Tex.
May 23rd, 1923.

Mr. Jno. C. Nicholson, Pres.,
Meridian Highway Assn.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

The enclosed clipping indicates Mr. Colp as Texas president of your organization. My recollection was in correspondence last fall it developed he was not. Since we removed him from this organization, he has started what is called a "Glacier to Gulf" highway and is using all these claimed relations with other highways to gather money around here, and he is seriously hurting the legitimate work.

At our annual convention, we adopted a southern trunkline system in an effort to draw the leading constructive forces together on a series of overland highways that should be promptly completed. Also to emphasize the fact there were legitimately established highway projects that did not recognize the numerous personal promoters. You will see that the Meridian was included in this system.

Sometimes I think it would be wiser for the Old Spanish Trail to seek its Mexico City extension through Laredo. We have always laid off this route, recognizing it belonged to the Meridian Highway, but with various promoters ringing in on this Meridian Highway route in this section I sometimes think the situation would really be strengthened if the Meridian and the Old Spanish Trail recognized each other, and that we used our strength in this country to put it through. This, however, is just an intangible thought for we have undertaken, but not entirely settled, our routing through Brownsville.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly,

H. B. Ayres,
OST Managing Director.