

MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONVENTION OLD SPANISH TRAIL  
ASSOCIATION. HELD AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI,  
January 28-29, 1921.

Officers presiding:

First Session:- H. A. McDonald, Beaumont, Texas.

Second Session; Frank Sutter, Pass Christian, Miss.

The convention was called to order at 2:00 P. M. January 28, 1921, at the Great Southern Hotel, Gulfport, Mississippi, the Managing Director, Herral B. Ayres, San Antonio, Texas, acting as temporary chairman in the absence of the President.

Mr. Ayres in opening the convention delivered a message from Harry L. Miller, President, explaining his absence and wishing the delegates a successful convention.

Hugh A. McDonald, of Beaumont, Texas, was nominated and elected chairman for the session. He accepted with a few well chosen words and formally opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

In the absence of the Secretary, Harry J. Vogel, San Antonio, Texas, was appointed secretary pro tempore.

Mayor Charles R. Hagdon of Gulfport was introduced and welcomed the delegates to Gulfport and the Gulf Coast. He stated that he was a man of action rather than words and desired to see something in the way of action accomplished during the convention.

Managing Director Herral B. Ayres submitted a report of the work of the past year which was accepted and adopted.

Senator John Craft, Mobile, Alabama, was introduced and made an address covering the value of this continental highway to the various communities through which it passes and urged the delegates to see that it was properly supported. He impressed on the assembled delegates the wonderful historical value of the highway to the Nation and also spoke of the various bills that were being introduced in Congress relating to the road building program of the nation as a whole.

At this time announcement was made by Chairman McDonald that a delegation from St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, was present, this delegation having traveled fifty miles by automobile and twelve miles by barge to attend. He also stated that this delegation would have to return to Slidell, Louisiana, that night. Dr. J. K. Griffith, Slidell, Louisiana, was given the floor. Reporting for St. Tammany Parish he stated that the people there were going to put the Old Spanish Trail across the swamps in their parish. A special road district has been formed, every voter visited, and on February 15, 1921, they would vote through road bonds for \$250,000.