



APALACHICOLA RIVER BRIDGE, FLORIDA
Old Spanish Trail, 48 mi. West of Tallahassee, between
Marianna and Quincy.

Dedicated as Victory Bridge July 20, 1922 in memory of the men
of Florida in the World War.

Total length 5500 ft. Cost \$713,000.00. Dedication addresses by
Governor Cary A. Hardee, H. B. Phillips, Chairman Florida Road
Department, Herral Ayres, Managing Director Old Spanish Trail.

Old Spanish Trail Report to Members

August 1, 1926

The Managing Director has just returned from a three months' survey of conditions eastward from San Antonio, Texas, to St. Augustine, Florida. This report shows progress exceeding all expectations. A general report of the western section is also included.

Issued from National Headquarters, San Antonio, Texas.

THE TRIUMPH OF TEN YEARS LABOR

1. Not only is the complete construction of the Old Spanish Trail now assured and some \$62,000,000 already spent or available for the whole project from St. Augustine, Florida, to San Diego, California, but its constant improvement and paving are now the program of the State and the Federal officials. The establishment of the highway as the basic trunkline across the Southern Borderlands is effected; the triumph of ten and a half years labor. Recognition of the traffic it must carry is evidenced by the millions now being spent and the development of the great trunklines designated to feed into it. In this motor vehicle age the promotion and prompt construction of this travel artery has been of more value to the territory than a new railroad. Its advertisement to the people of the continent, the development of travel, the encouragement of settlement and investment, are now questions to be decided.

This is the summary of costs:

Eastern section, spent or available, (chapter 7).....	\$ 46,968,350.00
Eastern section, still needed, (chapter 7).....	16,605,000.00
Western section, spent or available, (estimated).....	15,000,000.00
Western section, still needed, paving etc.....	35,000,000.00

Total estimated costs, whole project,.....\$113,573,350.00

THE BIRTH OF THE PROJECT

2.—The Old Spanish Trail was organized at Mobile in 1915 by delegations from New Orleans, the Mississippi Coast, Mobile and Florida as an eastern route from New Orleans to the Florida East Coast. They gave it the name that is so interesting to everyone everywhere and that is so true to its historical background from St. Augustine to San Diego, the official route as now established.