

in the case of farm work and as, according to reports, has actually been done in Europe. Roads built in this manner, although primarily for war purposes, would be of immense value after the war - undoubtedly of sufficient value to render the cost of construction a profitable investment from a commercial point of view.

"Finally, with the unquestioned necessity for having more roads and better roads, not only for marketing and distributing the products of the fields and farms and taking care of the increased production in all lines which the conduct of the war will necessitate, but also militaries, there seems to be no justification for the curtailment of road work that has been threatened in some localities. On the contrary, there would seem to be every reason for greater activity than ever before. But in its prosecution unusual efforts should be made to secure efficient and economical work, not only to secure good roads at the lowest possible cost, but to conserve the materials and labor for which there will be so many other demands."

IMPORTANCE OF OLD SPANISH TRAIL

While the foregoing editorial does not refer to the Old Spanish Trail by name, it obviously places it among the most important military highways of the Nation, and as the writer so clearly points out, now is the opportune time for the Federal Government to join hands with several States in making it a factor of national defense in time of war, as well as a promoter of prosperity to the inhabitants of the country through which it passes.

Highway construction is the only form of national defense which will pay back a dividend on the money invested. Each mile of national highway will pay for itself in a comparatively short period of time, and yet the Federal Government has not until recently given it practical consideration.