

December 31

Dear Mayor,

I leave daylight Monday morning with D E Colp and a highway engineer (both very close to the highway department) for an overland trip eastward. We will be busy in all counties, but will reach Ft. Bend (if it don't rain in that county) by evening for night conference. We must vote them for paving.

I wish you could meet us at Rosenberg, care Ed Risinger, Pres. Chamber Commerce. That is in your division.

Tuesday will proceed eastward, spending most of the day I suppose in Liberty county. I judge will go to Bender Hotel, Houston, Monday night after the meeting, but may stay in Ft. Bend.

Try to figure to join us.

Tuesday night, somewhere along the line, I take the train for am due at Mobile Wednesday noon. Then will probably go to Jackson ville to a big conference.

Colp will take charge of Texas while I am away. He is the man I have used most on the Brownsville work, and he is putting it over.

I have the marking car ready to follow with marking to Orange if can find any way to pay expenses; this is one of the objects of the trip.

Hastily, and a HAPPY NEW YEAR,

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