



**FLORIDA-TEXAS TRAVEL OVER THE**  
THE GREAT HISTORIC HIGHWAY ACROSS THE  
HEADQUARTERS GUNTER HOTEL



THE ALAMO

**OLD SPANISH TRAIL MEXICO-CALIFORNIA**  
SUNNY SOUTH AND THROUGH THE GREAT SOUTHWEST  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.



REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO JUDGE COKE R. STEVENSON, JUNCTION, TEXAS, OLD SPANISH TRAIL  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR WEST TEXAS.

*There were many bulletins put out to the members. That section cost a lot of attention. Probably not many of the members professed to read them, but he found*

My trip thru West Texas covered nine days and over 1,000 miles of travel. The reception everywhere was very nice and I am hopeful we can get at those problems out there and solve them. I have given out an optimistic newspaper report. This is a more intimate report for ourselves.

I stopped in your office returning but you were out. Found much that was reassuring -- cars are making the 350 miles between San Antonio and Ft. Stockton in a day's drive. It is too much, but they are doing it and not suffering. They are making the 250 miles between Ft. Stockton and El Paso between breakfast and supper, and this is a comfortable drive. The OST is fortunate in a type of soil and topography between Sonora and Kent that lends itself easily to durable and pretty roads. That's the reason the maintenance men have accomplished so much, but when they come to difficult spots they can only temporize hence the road averages good with spots that are bad. Considerable sections need at once permanent drainage structures and some special construction. The federal standard construction, 30 mi., thru Balmorhea cost \$4000 per mile and is the best gravel road I have seen in either Texas or Louisiana.

DETAIL ROAD REPORTS

THE 44.9 mi. BETWEEN ROOSEVELT AND SONORA are easily made in two hours; the maintenance crews have improved this considerably but not wholly since I was thru there last fall.

FROM SONORA THRU OZONA TO THE PECOS RIVER, 82.7 mi., the maintenance crews are creating a good road on a survey submitted by the counties and adopted by the State for the permanent alignment. In some sections they are now at work and traveling is slow and hard; in some rocky sections they have smoothed but not finished; in other sections they have done nothing. However there already is a high average of good driving.

FROM THE PECOS RIVER TO FT. STOCKTON, 76.0 mi., the old county road alignment is good, the maintenance crews have a fair road, but not a good road. Fast time is made but the driver takes risks. There are a dozen or more ancient concrete dips that you cannot see in time; the result is sharp application of brakes and a bad jump in and out of them. I made inquiry at garages; springs are being broken and brakes burned or worn down. One Buick car broke its frame. Several people have been hurt. My own brakes should have been readjusted at Sheffield, or I had need for them on the hills in Crockett county. There are several curves on this road that are too sharp and several narrow bridges improperly guarded. The road was built many years ago; maintenance crews are doing the best they can. The