

VII. EL PASO DIVISION, 670 MILES, MAIN LINES.

Vanhorn westward thru and including New Mexico (336 ms.) and the Rio Grande Valley northward in New Mexico to Santa Fe (332 ms.). Also to include natural tributaries.

The oldest and most romantic works in the Spanish Southwest. Santa Fe is the second oldest city in the United States. The prehistoric Indian works and the old Spanish adventure and effort are an interwoven romance. This is all naturally a part of the Old Spanish Trail system.

VIII. WESTERN DIVISION, 1000 MILES.

Arizona and California to Los Angeles, 826 ms. The old mission works in California continued northward beyond San Francisco. The Santa Cruz Valley, Tucson to Nogales, 68.6 ms., was a western entrance from Old Mexico into the Spanish Southwest. The old missions, San Xavier (1692) and Tunacacori, older, are there.

IX. TEXAS OLD MISSION DIVISION, 1000 MILES.

To embrace, insofar as possible, the ancient Coast Trail from Mexico northward thru Texas. Refugio, San Patricio, Corpus Christi, Goliad, Mission Valley and Victoria are some of the localities of those old days. The Coast Trail continued on northward to Nacogdoches. Missions were built in all those localities. Later when San Antonio was settled the trail from Mexico to Nacogdoches, known as the Old San Antonio Road, was used and the San Antonio missions were built. Missions were also planted at Uvalde and at Menard. These old mission centers if connected by an intelligently planned system of highways linking into the Main Line of the Old Spanish Trail would open a territory rich in historical, agricultural and commercial interest, and open Texas to tourists as California is now opened by her highways.

When La Salle landed on Texas soil and the French occupied Louisiana, the Spanish worked up the Gulf Coast from Mexico to protect the Texas territory, and if possible prosecute her claims to the Mississippi Valley country. Nacogdoches became the northern Spanish frontier and a mission center. Across the Sabine River at Natchitoches in Louisiana, the new French frontier was held. San Antonio and New Orleans were settled the same year, each becoming the military seat of empire. San Antonio became the seat of missions of the diocese of San Antonio. New Orleans became the Louisiana seat of the Jesuit diocese of Quebec. The Old San Antonio Road (El Camino Real; King's Highway) from Mexico City to El Presidio on the Rio Grande, thru San Antonio to Nacogdoches, connected into French territory at Natchitoches and then on to Mobile.

MILEAGE

Main line, from sea to sea, 2900 ms. Total, all divisions as approximated in this outline, 5035 ms.

Amendments proposed to constitution and by-laws Old Spanish Trail to permit of the re-organization of the Highway into divisions with the large cities as centers.

Substitute Article II of the Constitution to read as follows

ARTICLE II

Officials, Divisions and Board of Directors

The officers and directors of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President for each division, a Secretary, a Treasurer (the Secretary and the Treasurer may be combined), a Field Engineer, and other officers and directors as the Association shall elect. These officers and directors, not exceeding twenty-five in number, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

The Highway shall be divided into as many divisions, with one Vice-President to each division, as the Board of Directors of the Association shall deem wise. The officers and directors residing within a division shall constitute a Divisional Council under the leadership of the Vice-President for matters arising within the division during the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors or of the Association.

Amend Article II of the By-Laws by striking out the words "The Board of Directors consists of the eight officers as hereinbefore provided."