

Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas,
May 14th, 1929.

Col. Eke Ashburn, Manager,
Chamber of Commerce,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Ashburn:

When I returned from Houston I found copies of the Gill-Dupont statement calling that Houston meeting. That was my first knowledge of that document. They probably did not mail me a copy. Every statement is either false or misleading. I was puzzled at Houston to know the real meaning of the meeting. I observed of course that only two men beside Gill and Dupont were there from Louisiana and that only two men beside Furlong were there from Texas. I learned since that Furlong by long distance 'phone got the attendance of those two men.

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Emil Loeffler, Junction, Texas who is also Chairman of the West Texas OST organization in which he emphatically denies the statements of Gill and Dupont, that there is disloyalty in West Texas. I will not go into detail here respecting the malicious falseness of the other statements. With this underhand work going on both the convention idea and the motorcade to San Diego are thrown into confusion. I am sorry now I did not stay and have a real man to man talk with you and thus probably have gotten down to the bottom of things.

Sincerely yours,

Harral Ayres,
Managing Director.

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