

Saturday Night,  
April 29th, 1922.

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paper — Governor Parker  
and Chairman Peterman.*

On Tuesday, April 25th, Mr. Wilson Peterman, Chairman of the State Highway Commission and Highway Engineer, Fourmy, were in Slidell and interviewed some of the members of the local Chef-Mentour Highway Committee and made the proposition that if the local committee would sell the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of bonds, which were voted in February 1921, and place the money to the credit of the Highway Department, that the State Highway Department would in turn agree to go fifty-fifty on the cost of construction of the eleven and a half (11½) miles of the Chef-Mentour, Mississippi State line highway, which remains unfinished in St. Tammany Parish. And they further promised to commence construction simultaneously and immediately on both, the Mississippi and Rigolets ends of the road, as soon as the local committee has complied with their part of the agreement. These connections, when complete will give New Orleans her first Highway connection with the North, East and Gulf Coast, and will complete Louisiana's eastern end of the Old Spanish Trail.

The people of the Eastern end of St. Tammany Parish are very much enthused over the prospect of having, in the near future, a connection with both, New Orleans, and the Gulf Coast, and we all have implicit confidence in Mr. Peterman's carrying through the project as it has been outlined.

The local highway committee met tonight and accepted Mr. Peterman's proposition and decided to request the Police Jury of St. Tammany to advertise the bonds for sale at their next regular meeting, which will be held in Covington, Tuesday May 9th. We hope to have the bonds sold and the money on deposit by the middle of June, which will enable the commencement of the road this summer.

The committee has already started to procure the right of way for the road.

The construction of St. Tammany's two missing links of the Chef-Mentour, Mississippi Highway will bring to an end a long drawn out fight, which started in April, 1919 and which at one time engendered considerable bitterness between sections of this Parish. This road will give the people of the parish their first direct highway connection with the outside world.

We wish to thank Mr. Peterman for the effort he is making to get us out of the mud so that we can go some where, I am

Yours very truly,

JNO. K. GRIFFITH.