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March 37th, 1933

Mr. H. B. Ayles,
Battle House,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Ayles:-

I have been intending to write you for several days but have been just a little too busy and possibly like yourself slightly peeved, and have not really had the time to think the matter over of which you wrote me regarding your salary.

I have discussed this matter with a number of the members of the Advisory Committee and we have decided we will give you a salary of \$250 a month to handle the publicity matters in regard to the Old Spanish Trail. Insofar as you managing men who are out on the road, personally and as President of the Old Spanish Trail, I am pretty well convinced that you would possibly be much better as publicity man than you would be to handle men out on the road. As President of the organization I assume I have the authority to take the management of the Old Spanish Trail in my own hands, and so long as I am personally responsible for the organization I think it is nothing more than right that I should manage the affairs instead of you.

In your childish manner in regard to Mr. Colp and Miss Huey you have convinced me thoroly also that you are not the man to place at the head of an organization from the standpoint of management.

I have wanted to meet you in New Orleans Sunday and discuss this matter with you at length, but when the managing director of an organization sends as insulting a telegram as you sent to me on the 23rd I am convinced it is time for one or the other of us to get out of the way.

Should the directors or the advisory board decide you are the proper man to handle this matter then my resignation as President of the Old Spanish Trail will be handed them immediately. On the other hand if you are not willing to accept the salary of \$250 per month, limiting your activities to publicity man, then I shall expect your resignation to be handed in immediately. You have about exhausted my patience in this matter of the way I am handling things, hence this letter.

Should you decide to come in to San Antonio I shall expect a full report from you financially as to your activities in Alabama, or anything in which I am in any way responsible.

