

Nov. 26, 1918.

Mrs. M. R. S. Phillips,  
Sec'y for the East. O.S.F. Ass'n,  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Phillips:-

Your letter of the 22nd received.

Copy of your letter of the 22nd to Mr. Phillips,  
noted.

Georgia is famous for its sand and clay roads. . . West Florida has both sand and clay, as also have Alabama and most of the other states through which the Old Spanish Trail runs. In rainy weather Georgia's famous roads are about as bad or worse than any roads I know of along the Old Spanish Trail, but as soon as it stops raining, and before the roads have hardened, Georgia drags their roads with a split log drag, the result being that when roads have dried out, they are perfect. The result is that Georgia is famous and the rest of are infamous.

Georgia gets results by using the "patrol" system. If you can get the Florida Legislature, to somehow or other instruct the Road Commissioners and/or provide funds for patrol system, along the Old Spanish Trail in Florida, I think you will have done a great deal. Mr. Kellar, State Highway Engineer for Alabama, told me that by offering a prize of \$500. to the patrolman who maintained his roads best at 1c cost per mile, the maintenance in a great many instances was practically nothing, and in one instance, Patrolman evidently forgot to charge for his time fully. Maintenance worked out at 35¢ per mile for the year, and he had one of the best stretches. Mr. Kellar says that he is afraid that the man in his eagerness to win the \$500. prize by keeping down cost of maintenance, must have forgot to charge for some of the days he worked on the road.

Chicago Convention, there is no chance of my going to, as I have too much work on hand at present here, but I do think it is a shame that somebody cannot be there. I wish you could arrange to get there?

Yours truly,