

Financing and comments. I am satisfied the financing can be handled. I have had such experience all my life. We must, of course, build the work in a way to excite public interest and to command confidence. (This Digest is for assistance in getting the foundations right.)

The present headquarters, if made permanent, will be excellent. It has good location...ample space for Round Table conferences...handy to the public library for them that will use it for a workshop...space and light for files, indexes, desks etc...plenty of wall map display surface. It can be made a place of distinction, and the day will come, if I can go thru with my plans, when this headquarters will extend hospitality to history-minded people from all the Spanish Borderlands. I have contacted such associations more than is realized. Many are interested in cooperating with the good leadership. There are a number of "studies" and "books" and "travel aids" close to publication.

And when the time comes (and much has been done toward this) I will get several hundred patrons from Florida to California, persons not adapted to research and writing but competent to subscribe funds, who will pledge \$300 each over a five-year period (\$75,000 to \$100,000) to carry on the research and to issue the needed publications to make the Old Spanish Trail America's noted travelway.

The Texas financing and work will come first, but we can work all this out right if we move right. I would have had it all under way if the depression had not put skids under everything.

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Many research workers and writers have good material, but unfinished. Working alone, their handicaps are too heavy. And they jealously guard what they have, to protect the recognition and even the compensation to which they are entitled. These difficulties can only be overcome by sympathetic and financed cooperation. We have talked and planned many things along this line.

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The present name seems all right because the emphasis must be placed on research and study for some time yet. At a mature stage the name can be changed, if desired.

A Board of Managers will come; preferably slowly and wisely. The present three trustees are the nucleus for the larger board.

1936 is the Texas Centennial year, and the year for the