

July 9, 1917.

Mr. Arthur P. Dyer, Asst. Sec'y,
Old Spanish Trail Ass'n, for the West,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. received this morning.
Thanks very much.

When your letter arrived I was feeling very much
"down in the mouth" about this Bulletin proposition, as I did
not seem to be able to get the assistance I needed, and I
had about made up my mind to next Thursday write a letter,
advising that Bulletin would be discontinued, owing to the
impossibility of obtaining information. I am awfully anxious
not to have to do this, because as you realize, the Bulletin
at present, small as it is, is one of the ^{main} ~~only~~ means of
keeping the idea of the "Ocean to Ocean Highway" alive. If
we can only keep the idea alive a little bit longer, and get
results the same rate we have been doing since the idea was
started, I think the "idea" will have become a "fact".

Texas, I am glad to note has designated the Old Spanish
Trail for State and Federal aid. Alabama has also done this,
and so has Florida. As a matter of fact, Florida has not
only so designated the road, but has decided to apply towards
completion of the road, Federal aid receipts for the first
two years.

Sabine bottom, I note your remarks about, and judging
from same, it must be a similar proposition to the Choctawhatchee
River in Florida, where there is about a quarter mile of river
and four miles over-Flow land to go through. At the Choctaw-
hatchee River, four counties converge, and between the four
counties and the Federal aid, they are going to fix it.

Thanking you again for letter, and hoping that you
can give more information in the near future, I am

Yours truly,