

of the Highway Commissioners to join you and a committeeman from Mobile, to visit the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, it seems to me you would eliminate any friction with the State Highway Department because they would be taking part in it and therefore they would not feel that you were trying to go over their heads but simply trying to help them. You must necessarily be careful about selecting a commissioner to go with you. Don't take the "runt" commissioner.

The Corpus to Pt. Isabel beach drive is just as solid apparently as a paved street and an automobile scarcely makes a track. But I haven't seen this since the Corpus storm and of course I don't know what condition the beach is in at present, but if it is practically in the same shape it used to be there are absolutely no problems to solve. Some of these sports are already wanting to stage an automobile race as an opening event when this is ready for use. I am thinking very seriously of forming a little stock company to build the trestle from Corpus, and put in one or two barges at Pt. Isabel, and then put on the races and charge admission fees and together with the fares and fees I think we could jop up enough to make it worth while and the publicity would be of such nature it would go all over the United States.

The two million dollar race plant at Matamoras seems to be assured. Work is already begun, and I understand the promoters say they have it all financed and nothing to do now but complete the buildings, race track, etc. This will pull thousands of people from California in the winter time and send them on to Florida, and it will pull thousands from Florida in the spring and summer and send them to California. So you can see what an immense value this would be to the Old Spanish Trail from one end to the other. And there will hardly be room in the road for the people from central and north Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas, that will swarm over the Brownsville Division the year around.

I wish we had sufficient funds and competent help to put about ten good men on the Old Spanish Trail Work for a year and let me devote my entire time to the Brownsville Mexico Division. I believe that I could give those people such service and keep them pepped up to such an extent they would plant palms, grapefruit, oranges and pecans, and probably peaches and figs and a few strawberries and dewberries along the roadside from San Antonio to Brownsville. This looks pretty big, don't it? You could hardly imagine anyone thinking in such terms as this, but I guess you have found out by this time I can think big things whether I get them over or not.

I am very much delighted to inform you that after going to Alice and selecting a new commissioners' court, Judge and four commissioners, to be put in the field against the present court, to be known as the "good roads commissioners court" and the present court to be known as the "anti-good roads court", that it had the desired effect. Made Judge Mullins get his commissioners together in executive session and they sent him to Austin last Monday to try to get the Commissioners to waive the maintenance clause in the contract after three years from last November. He didn't seem to get much encouragement and he came to me and asked me to help him to