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Mr. S. A. LeBlanc, Secretary,
Old Spanish Trail Association,
Mobile, Ala.

My dear Mr. LeBlanc:

I have received your two letters, and crave pardon for not writing sooner, but I have had my time so filled with extra duties, I have had no time for anything that was not an absolutely "rush" order?

I was sorry to learn of your illness, and sincerely hope you are all right again. People like you, who can do something worth while, ought to keep well and live a long, long time. I hope you will!

As you see, we have some temporary stationery, and the headquarters will likely be at Tallahassee. A meeting will be held in Marianna next Thursday at 2 P.M., to appoint a permanent secretary and treasurer, and to plan the work. Our County Commissioners have already arranged for the \$250 for Leon County, and each of the twenty counties will come in for the same, making a neat sum to boost the counties in a booklet which will advertise all of them. In addition to County membership, we will have boards of trade, corporations and firms, and individual membership, the latter \$1.00 per year. The roadsters will put out our advertising, and will chip in on the financial part, some. I feel much encouraged. You are still in the lead, but I am trying to do a big work before I grow too old to be of any account. You may be quite sure that we will do right by the Old Spanish Trail Highway. My scheme is to sell farms along the Trail, to insure upkeep? The bridge plans have arrived and will be taken up at Marianna, within the next few days, or when the County Commissioners meet. State Highway Commissioner W. F. Cooke is North, but will return the last of September. The Jackson and Gadston county bridge money is all right, so there will be no hitch, and work will be started early, I think. Cheer up! Next time, you can come in your Aliver. When is Harry Locke coming East? I had a postcard from Houston, last week, but no information. I intended to send you a paper, but had no extra on, at that time, and thought President Pillsbury would tell you the news, anyway. Hope they will appoint me Secretary and give me a roadster. Write me when you have time. Best regards and wishes.

Very truly,

F. P. Phillips
Acting Secretary.