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May 7, 1917.

F. R. S. Phillips, Esq.,  
Convention Secretary,  
Old Spanish Trail Association,  
First National Bank Bldg.,  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sir:

The kind invitation of The Old Spanish Trail to participate in the Third Old Spanish Trail Convention, to be held in Tallahassee on Friday and Saturday, May 18th and 19th, has been received.

I deeply appreciate the kindness of the Association in extending to me this invitation and I wish very much I could be with you on that occasion. The press of public business here at this time, however, is such that I am unable to leave the city, and I therefore must forego the pleasure of participating in your convention.

I hope the Convention will be a most successful and enjoyable one, and with kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Juan W. Fletcher*