

Gulf Hammock, Fla.

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Dear Mr. Ayres,

Have just finished reading in the Jacksonville paper of the Honor bestowed upon you by the King of Spain in recognition of your years of work for the development of the highway linking San Augustine with San Diego.

I want to be one of your friends to congratulate you----also I wish to opologize too-----and for what? Well, do you remember how it seemed to please me to criticise the entire system and ~~who~~ever was responsible for it, in not having *the trail* go places in my opinion it should, and how I questioned if the man authorizing the signs as to which way several converging roads were headed for; cross roads, also markings for East, South, North and West, knew a thing about what a mess it all was for the traveler through Texas; and do you remember how fussed I was when you would try to explain how hard it was to get co-operation from "These Southern farmers"? Now here is where the opology comes in-----we are in Florida where we have been for two years. The roads are marvelous, but what is more to the point, the markings are perfect at cross roads, any old road; one would just be in the mood to want to get lost if it happened to him in this State. The bridges have the name of the streams plainly marked on them too. So, if you had anything to do with all that down here let me say "I am sorry" provided you have gotten busy and finally put this same perfect marking over the State of Texas.

We live on the West Coast in the midst of a million Dollars worth of Natural scenery; a fisherman's paradise; woods full of game. My husband is connected with the Groves-Dowling Lumber Company as Receiver. Do you remember Mr. Groves of Chill Tonic fame, and the man who built the famous Groves Inn at Ashville, N.C.? He started this Lumber Company here with the Dolwings, and then he died, His Estate was in the hands of the St. Louis Trust Co. and they sent Lorenzo here to represent them, complications being such a Receivership became necessary.

Our lives here have been full of excitement and work, being as we were the