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Dear Mrs. Phillips,

Have yours of the 18th. None of your people came, and none from West Florida. We put the bridge project over; it is ordered by the highway department and surveys and plans will be in process soon. It was a wonderful conference, crowds and enthusiasm and so well organized the commission had to vote favorably altho they never intended any such thing. It is also remarkable that an 8-mile bridge project which had been relegated to oblivion because of its magnitude, should have been put over in 10 weeks work. The Gulf Coast Boulevard is also adopted, Pensacola to New Orleans, and all in that span lined up for it enthusiastically. It will be built now. But I don't understand West Florida. Frankly I am tired of so much hard work making people do things for themselves. I would like Tallahassee to put on a conference for May; it should be done; it must be done if the Old Spanish Trail is to be made alive and existent. It will take work; it will cost Tallahassee money. But just now I am tired and not thinking easily; beside must get back to Texas.

But if Tallahassee can do it, it ought to be done. And I am inclined to think there should be a little conference first of people eastward and westward to see if they will go to it and make it a success. The failure of anyone east of Pensacola to attend here disturbs me.

Sincerely,