



San Antonio, Texas,  
May 19th, 1927.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Hatcher,  
Archivist University of Texas,  
Library University of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Hatcher:

Your letter of the 16th with suggestions of contribution of literature and legends of Texas and the Old Spanish Trail interests us. We have a large call for the old Spanish history and several important publications are in course of preparation to meet these calls. It is also very interesting to us that so many women are taking an interest just such as you suggest in making the Old Spanish Trail live again. This is one of the present reactions of today now that our twelve years battle to construct the highway across the continent is won.

I enclose last year's Year Book. We are preparing now the 1927 Year Book which will be more complete historically; will contain numerous etchings of old Spanish missions, and this interpretation of old Spanish names, and if these suggestions of yours could in whole or in part be included in this work we know from experience that schools, colleges, libraries, students, writers and travelers will be glad to have it. We can only get these publications out by including advertising to carry the expenses; it sometimes happens submitting the prepared dummy to certain people and getting their subscriptions to defray costs through the personal interest we can arouse in them.

So I will be more than glad to understand further just what you might contribute. We are adopting the policy of giving all who help us in developing the old history and legends credit for the work they are doing.

Sincerely,

Harrel Ayres,  
OST Managing Director.