

October 10, 1917.

Mr. Walter Parker, Gen. Mgr.,  
New Orleans Ass'n of Commerce,  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst.:

Mrs. F.R.S. Phillips seems to have written you (instead of Mr. Milner) on the 9th, fully covering the Old Spanish Trail in Florida. She sent no copy of this letter, but in her letter to me she adds the information,

"On January 1st, the State Road Department will <sup>take</sup> over the Old Spanish Trail Highway on the east and west road across Florida, as a State Highway, and put same in good condition. The Department will have the use of 300 convicts, hereafter, and all of the automobile license money, in addition to appropriations. The County Commissioners of Jackson and Gadsden counties will meet in Quincy, Fla. October 20th, to go over the Apalachicola bridge plans, which have been returned by the W. R. Department with their O.K. Work will be commenced in the near future."

which will prove of interest to you.

From Pensacola to Fairhope, Ala., there are three routes, one via Hunez Ferry, being in bad condition at present; the other ones via Lillian Ferry (which by the way is now no longer a ferry, but a long trestle), or by way of Bay Minette, are good; the Lillian Ferry route being much the shorter of the two. From Fairhope to Mobile, Ferry is still necessary, although Mobile is still working to try to get road built across the eight miles of marsh intervening. From Mobile to Pascagoula is good. Bridge Pascagoula-Gautier is still not completed owing to a small part of same having caved in, but County Ferry has been ordered delivered by Nov. 1st., and bridge should be completed in thirty days. From Gautier to Bay St. Louis, varies from perfect to good. From Bay St. Louis to Logtown, I am sorry to advise I am unable to get a report on, but you can probably get this much more easily than I can from Mr. Weston of Logtown, and the Logtown-Andeville part is in your territory.