

OLD SPANISH TRAIL ASSOCIATION  
LOUISIANA DIVISION  
State headquarters, Crowley, La.,

May 18, 1929.

To Those Addressed:-

A meeting of the Louisiana Division of the Old Spanish Trail Association and all others interested, will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Court House, Lafayette, on Wednesday, May 22, 1929, at 2:30 P. Representatives have previously been named to represent every city and town on the Trail in Louisiana and we would like to have everyone of such representatives present at the meeting. In addition to such representatives this letter of invitation is forwarded to Chambers of Commerce, Mayors, etc., who are also cordially invited and urged to attend the meeting.

Harrel Ayres, Managing Director, of the Old Spanish Trail Association has issued a scurrilous letter to the press of the State, seriously reflecting on the integrity and purpose of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Division who have been earnestly endeavoring to assist in working out a reorganization of the Old Spanish Trail Association, so as to eliminate the discrepancies of the present organization and that were responsible for the refusal of the Louisiana Division in January to offer further financial support to the San Antonio headquarters. Definite plans are underway at this time for a National Convention to reorganize the Old Spanish Trail Association as a result of some of the effort of the Louisiana Division and presumably Ayres resents our efforts in this direction.

The purposes of the meeting at Lafayette will be :

- 1 - Discuss and adopt plans for future operation of our Louisiana Division. Your Executive Committee have devoted time and effort as a volunteer service to promote the Old Spanish Trail in Louisiana. Harrel Ayres states in his letter to the press that your Executive Committee and officers have misrepresented the Louisiana Division and reports will be submitted to you by our Executive Committee for your approval or disapproval of our actions, since the date of our last meeting. Ayres claims he " will help Louisiana get to the bottom of any question" Ayres has been invited to attend the Lafayette meeting and urged to attend.
- 2 - Report from your Executive Committee on funds subscribed in Louisiana and disposition of such funds.
- 3 - National Convention to reorganize Old Spanish Trail Association will be held in August. Louisiana Division should decide on participation or non-participation.

In view of the scurrilous and unwarranted attack by Harrel Ayres on the honest and sincere efforts of the officers of our Louisiana Division and the necessity for representatives of all cities and towns in Louisiana to either approve or disapprove the action of your Executive Committee, we trust that every city and town on the highway in Louisiana will have a good delegation present at the meeting and you are urged to attend the meeting and bring others with you.

This call for a meeting to discuss the matters outline is endorsed by Julius Dupont, President, F. V. Mouton, Treasurer, and W. B. Gill Secretary, Louisiana Division, Olin Linn, Vice President, could not be reached in time to obtain his approval.

Remember the time and place, Wednesday, May 22, 2:30 P. M.  
Chamber of Commerce, Court House, Lafayette.

Cordially,

W. B. Gill,  
Secretary,  
La. Division.