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Secretary,

Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 31st was received during my absence in New York. Since returning, I have been actively managing a large corporation out of this Parish and have hardly been in the office for thirty days. This explains what otherwise would be an apparent discourtesy.

I certainly am deeply sensible of the great honor you would confer on me in connection with the New Orleans-Logtown section of the Old Spanish Trail, but I really believe that the spirit of this great undertaking would be impaired by centering attention on individuals.

I shall always, of course, be glad of any reference to the part I have played in securing the completion of this roadway, but believe the precedent would be a bad one ^{and} if carried to any extent would cover our International Highways with a mass of names of individuals and rob the highway itself of its unity.

Thanking you, however, for the thought, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

P. M. Milner