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Mr. Jas O Burns,
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Hammond, La

Dear sir,

The Motor League of Louisiana has sent me your nice letter about probable trails of the Spanish. It may be that some of the numerous companies of Spaniards traveled the route you suggest. We run into many trails. The Spanish Occupation covered several centuries and in that time there were numerous expeditions off on one quest and another.

The Old Spanish Trail, the transcontinental highway building from Florida to California and to Mexico runs thru the country of the Spanish centuries more particularly than it follows any particular trail. A highway could not be built from the Atlantic to the Pacific that automobiles would follow if that highway tried to follow all the Spanish trails that once possibly were used. The official Old Spanish Trail of today is being laid down and built by the cooperation of many organizations and men and women and the highway departments of the state and the Federal government. In your section its particular route is being determined by engineers and your highway commission. It will be marked officially by this organization. Our mark is copyrighted and no one has the right to use it or try to copy it. These things as you can understand are necessary in order to prevent confusion.

I appreciate your letter. Anything that helps on the old history behind this highway movement is good. I am enclosing one of our history booklets which you I think will find interesting.

Very truly,

Managing Director,
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