

November 5, 1928

Dear Mrs. Phillips,

Yours of Sept. 26 respecting the "Jefferson Davis Highway" and also of Oct. 9th respecting Havana matter, both duly received.

I have been fighting a hard battle since I returned, hence this delay. By a misfortune we have a president who is a good, all-around fellow, but a failure as a business, and always short of money, apparently. My long absence East and at Washington gave him opportunity to establish working arrangements with D.R. Co. who nominally was in charge while I was away, to personalize this whole Texas situation - and for a few months there followed the old story, of working the people for all they were worth. I condemned it all, but as President he has certain legal powers. Recently a committee of citizens asked him to resign, and he would not. He's got to be put out, this Old Spanish Trail must stay clean as a hound's tooth. And we've got to repair a sorrowful lot of damage here in Texas. Any day I may sound the call to the honest people from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and I have no fear of the response. The people won't let anyone abuse this OST work, if they know it. But I think the people of San Antonio will go along with me, and we will clean house as a San Antonio matter, and stand before the rest of the highway as worthy of the leadership entrusted to San Antonio.

You are one of the persons who knows how much and how many are the headaches, trying to keep this work building up and building clean.

I have written the Tyler man and will send you copy of any reply. Your letter to him was so good, I just stood behind that. Could I publish your letter to him? I have kept the copy you sent.

I enclose copy of letter to Mr. Corry. Kindest regards.
Am trying to get out another Magazine, and keep it going. It can be made a power for holding up the ideals of the work. But it's money again.

Sincerely,

Managing Director.

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