

The plan to use numbers for uniform marking of important interstate roads is not an activity of the Federal Government but a cooperation activity between the States, and all work is proceeding under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials, an organization made up of the directing officials of the State Highway departments.

I have gone into this matter rather fully because there have been a number of letters received here from members of Congress and others who apparently have had representations made to them similar to those made to you. This statement should be helpful in doing away with such misinformation and misrepresentation.

Very truly yours,

Signed--Thos. H. Mac Donald.
Chief of Bureau.

FLORIDA ASKS OLD SPANISH TRAIL NAME BE OFFICIALLY PLACED

At a North Florida Meeting in March the people passed resolutions requesting the immediate marking of this highway as the Old Spanish Trail and the removal of all other names. The chairman and other members of the Florida Road Department present concurred in this and offered cooperation. This is all in accordance with the Federal Road Bureau statement as above the States shall fix and determine the name.

PLANNING BEST MARKING THAT CAN BE DEvised

The Old Spanish Trail Association and the Florida leaders are ready to cooperate with the Florida Road Department to plan and put into effect the most intelligent marking that can be devised combining the United States Highway shield and number and the Old Spanish Trail name. The Ohio State marker combining the Lincoln Highway name as shown in the Lincoln Forum Article herein, is the best suggestion seen so far for the route designation, but corner, city streets and confusing situations would require special direction marking. The State highway departments now place direction signs as a part of their service. By including the Old Spanish Trail colored route symbol on the posts carrying these signs the traveler will be led along clearly, for the colored symbol if carefully applied is the best lead night or day; the eye soon learns to catch the colors, the driver can watch his driving and make the turns or work through traffic without confusion.

MARKING CITY STREETS

The color symbols through city streets are specially important. If applied freely they are a clear guide through busy city streets. Some special signing will also be necessary through cities. "No Left Turns," numerous corners, picking up the route in cities, night visibility of signs, and other situations troublesome to strangers should be carefully covered. In some of the OST States this highway legally includes the route through the cities and towns; in other states the highway department controls only to the municipal limits.