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SPANISH TRAIL GETS WRITE-UP

Route Featured in New York American Articles

"Motoring along the route of the Old Spanish Trail," is the title of a series of three articles appearing in the New York American. The first of the series on last Sunday, February 16, described the trail in Florida on the east coast; the second which will appear on Sunday, February 23, will describe San Antonio and vicinity, and the third will cover El Paso and the rest of the trail to the Pacific Coast. A similar series of articles on the Old Spanish Trail was run last year by the same paper, each of the stories covering a full feature page, with photographs of features of interest along the way.

According to William H. Furlong, chairman of the highway department of the Chamber of Commerce, the Old Spanish Trail is one of the few main highways in the United States which has kept its individual name, modern usage tending more and more to call the travel arteries by number instead of by name. Officially, the name of the Old Spanish Trail is divided into three parts and is known from the Atlantic to San Antonio as U. S. 90; beyond San Antonio through Kerrville and Fort Stockton, to a point 16 miles east of Kent, it is known as U. S. 290; and from there on to the Pacific Coast it is U. S. 80.

Because of its unique history and its distinctive quality, as well as the active interest club women of the country have taken in preserving the name of the old Spanish Trail, Furlong has succeeded in having that name secured to the old "Camino Real" on all maps and in touring clubs over the country.

Another full page story featuring San Antonio as the gateway to Mexico was published in the Kansas City Journal Post on Sunday, February 16, and was received at the Chamber of Commerce during the past week. The story is illustrated with four pictures of San Antonio and a map of the new highway from Texas to Mexico.