

THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL
SAN ANTONIO TO CALIFORNIA
THE GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY
THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL
CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION TO DEDICATE OLD SPANISH TRAIL
MONUMENT ERECTED AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.
Three Days' Pageantry Portraying Old Spanish Glories.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 25th, 1929----After thirteen years of incredible costs and toil the Old Spanish Trail has been opened across the continent and its dedication to American tourists will be celebrated at St. Augustine, Florida, April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. A monument has been erected marking the beginning of the highway at that "oldest city in the United States" and St. Augustine is reviving their Ponce de Leon Celebration of old Spanish pageantry as a part of the festival to proclaim the great construction project through the lands of the Spanish padres and conquistadores from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Spanish government has appointed representatives and the city and county governments of St. Augustine and the civic organizations are all joined in organizing the festival. The governors of the southern states are being invited, for the opening of the Old Spanish Trail signalizes the great road and bridge building progress of the South that now is aiding so much in making this country the industrial and agricultural empire of the nation.

This information has just been released from Old Spanish Trail headquarters. The past three years, OST officials say, road, bridge and paving construction costing tens of millions of dollars has been completed. Two-thirds of the paving between St. Augustine and San Antonio, Texas is completed and the remainder is financed and in progress. Last fall Louisiana voted funds for paving the 300 miles across that state, the last big eastern sector remaining unpaved. \$54,000,000 have been poured into the San Antonio--St. Augustine sector and \$25,000,000 more are to be spent for additional pavement and bridges. \$16,000,000 have been spent on the western sector, San Antonio to San Diego, California. There were 60 miles of ferriago on this highway 26 months ago, OST officials say; today the two short ferries remaining run day and night.