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San Antonio, Texas.  
August 27th, 1923.

Mr. R. B. Thompson,  
Battle House,  
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

At a meeting of the Executive Board today the following conclusions were reached:

It has been understood at least 40% of the eastern monies would be needed for Headquarters expenses. 40% of the \$4,862.50 you have turned in would be \$1,945.00, whereas the balance to Headquarters, after deducting the monies paid to you and the route marker since January 1st, is but \$1,179.60. This is \$765.40 short of the minimum allowance to Headquarters.

The record of the Eastern Department, for the eight months you have been in that Department, is as follows:

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| Cash turned in by you,             | \$4,862.50      |
| Paid to you and for route marking, | <u>3,682.90</u> |
| Balance to Headquarters            | \$1,179.60      |

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This \$1,179.60 is spread over eight months. We not only are running into serious deficiencies involving two-thirds of the whole year, but this means nothing for the necessary follow-up work which must be done before next year's income starts.

The money does not exist to send you into Florida. July 31st I wrote you the letter requesting you to test out the situation in West Florida. Much as we want Florida organized and marked we cannot go ahead with this financial record. Our desire to see you put across the work entrusted to you still exists. If you can come back over your route and pick up money equal to your expense and Headquarters requirements it will help keep you at work.

The Board also desires to know if you could take up the membership work from Orange to San Antonio. If you could put that thru with reasonable promptness, Pratt could quickly go over the route and get out a new service map. The present edition of the San Antonio--Orange Service Map will be exhausted in two or three weeks. These maps are proving very popular.

The Board also asks that you have the committee at Mobile submit over proper signatures just what can be depended upon from Mobile and when. It is felt this request should be made more properly to the committee thru you, and it would probably be proper to explain to the committee that having kept you there eight weeks at a cost of \$600.00 is rather serious expense and that we can no longer justify its continuance.