

Money is available for restoring in part the Santa Cruz county monument of the ancients, the Tumacacori Mission, according to Frank Pinkley, custodian.

It is planned to make this mission the site of a motor camping ground and recreation site, which will be one of the features of the Old Spanish Trail motor route. As a point of interest to motorists on the transcontinental tour, this aged and historic mission will be one of the most important along the route, which will take the motorist from the orange groves of California to those of Florida.

The next Congress will be asked to make an appropriation adequate to bring about a complete restoration of the mission and also for beautifying the 15 acre National Monument park which surrounds the old building where the Spanish padres started the mission culture of the Southwest.

Some emergency repairs have been made at the mission but these are merely stopgaps, as it were, to prevent the building going to utter ruin. It is stated on excellent authority that it will not be long before this mission will be completely restored and then become one of the most famous tourists points in the Southwest. The Tumacacori mission is said by experts to be a finer specimen of the earliest type of old Spanish mission on the American continent. These experts state it is architecturally superior to anything in California.—Patagonian.