

OUR WORK HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

We have completed the work we undertook with you to establish and open the Old Spanish Trail from Florida to California. This is now a United States Highway for all its mileage, and nearly half of it is paved. The recent motorcade from California to Florida proved its superior condition. The monument and celebration at St. Augustine formally dedicated the project to the people. Reports from various sections show the publicity work has been well done and that travel is steadily increasing.

The continued improvement of the highway is now actively directed by the Federal and State officials.

The future development of travel belongs to the local and regional organizations, or to a national organization created for the purpose by a convention of the people.

Our various activities have been put in condition for continued functioning until a convention can meet.

Prior to a convention, however, the Old Spanish Trail people should become better acquainted with one another and well informed respecting all the Old Spanish Trail country. For this purpose a mammoth motorcade is being organized to drive from St. Augustine to San Diego next October, with provisions for meetings and inspections and for complete national publicity. The leaders across the continent are cooperating. The direction of the motorcade has been placed with the Florida leaders at Pensacola.

All Old Spanish Trail people may feel pride in what has been accomplished and may look forward with pleasure to the fraternity and understandings promised from the motorcade to California. We hope you will be a member of that party.

HARRAL AYRES, Managing Director.

Report to Old Spanish Trail members—An audit of the finances—Work at San Antonio Headquarters completed and travel development now referred to the people—Future policies discussed—Motorcade, St. Augustine to San Diego and unusual National Publicity planned—A National Convention desired.

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With the motorcade across the continent and the dedication of the Old Spanish Trail monument and the three-day celebration at St. Augustine April 2-3-4 the formal opening of the Old Spanish Trail was concluded. The old Spanish pageantry at St. Augustine cost those people \$16,000.00. With the representative of the King of Spain present international recognition and acclaim crowned the celebration.

The motorcade emphasized the high standard of roadbed now enjoyed—completed road and bridge construction totals \$70,000,000.00 and this through a country that a few years ago was without roads or bridges for modern-day travel. The continued improvement of the Old Spanish Trail is now a well-established program in each of the states.

Magazine and feature articles now in preparation show that national attention was again turned to the Old Spanish Trail country. Reports to headquarters show that volume travel is increasing along many sections of the highway.

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The first stage of the work to thread this land from St. Augustine to San Diego with a great national trunk line has been achieved. The Old Spanish Trail is today the best cross-country highway.

The next stage in this work is that of travel development and this belongs to a conference of the people.

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Prior to the St. Augustine celebration we announced that the celebration would conclude our responsibilities and that new officers should be elected and travel development policies should be formulated at a national gathering. A call was issued for a convention meeting during the celebration. That meeting adjourned to give more time for the various sections to confer and to come together prepared for