

which will also go to Jim Wells. There is no chance to get back at Bee County because they are pushing their construction just as fast as they can, but if they happen to get into a squabble or get delaying their work I will see what I can do to them.

If Colonel Crecelius accepts the position of division engineer it will be just that much added influence to the friendship of the Old Spanish Trail. The jobs that the Colonel is figuring on are jobs that I put him in touch with. While he is one of those fellows who are absolutely straight as a string at the same time he is human and he will more than likely favor our proposition; while on the other hand we had Hale to fight all the time because he was formerly county engineer of Kleberg County and was pledged to do all he could to secure the major designation for Corpus Christi and Kingsville. Hale has been transferred to Houston and I am glad to see he is going without any hard feelings toward myself or the OST. In fact, he has just recently taken a notion that he really needs my friendship since this last meeting of the Highway Department. So I don't anticipate any trouble whatever in the Houston division, in fact I think he will be the OST's friend.

You speak of being in a storm ever since you left San Antonio. The same thing applies here; we haven't had more than eight or ten hours sunshine in three weeks. The same thing applies to Brownsville. Just read a statement in the paper to that effect this morning. This is the worst weather in the world to do any financing and I am hoping it will clear up in a few days and give us some nice, warm sunshine.

Very truly yours,

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P.S. This time last year <sup>had</sup>  $\$35,000$  Tourist, today she has less than  $3,000$ . Estimating that they only spent an average of  $\$1$  each per day or a total of  $\$210,000$  an average of  $1^{10}$  per capita for the population of the city, and now we are only getting  $18,000$  per day = or about 11 cents each per capita. Everything else is running better but not more than  $1/4$  up to Standard.

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