

# PREPARE PLAN TO PRESERVE FAMOUS TRAIL

BRONZE AND IRON MARKERS  
TO BE USED AND ROAD TO  
BE IMPROVED

Elaborate plans have been made for the marking and improvement of the Old Spanish Trail, according to statements made by Gib Gilchrist, state highway engineer, to W. S. Barron, of Bryan, and speaker of the 41st Legislature. The chief object in laying out the plan is to preserve absolutely the old trail and to mark every historic spot, whether it be the site of camp, battle or massacre.

The plans for markers have been made after trips over various historic roads of the country by Mr. Gilchrist. In some cases bronze tablets will be erected and in other cases cast iron markers with raised letters will be used, and it is the plan to overlook no point on the trail of any historic inter-

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At the present time much of the old trail coincides with state designated highways. Those stretches which do not but which will be improved under the provisions of the enactment by the last legislature will be graded dirt roads, put in the best possible condition and maintained in that condition by the state highway department.

This is believed to be the first step toward hard surfacing by the state highway commission, by many men familiar with the situation, including Mr. Barron. In view of the fact that much of the trail is now state highway and neither is hard surfaced or will be there is every reason to believe that in the comparatively near future the trail from Pendleton's Ferry on the Sabine river to Pasce de Francia on the Rio Grande, will be continuous stretch of hard surfaced highway.

According to information gleaned by Mr. Barron at the capitol this week, the state highway commission contemplates an early effort to put the trail in good shape and this will be of interest and benefit to citizens of this county who hope to see the historic old trail marked and preserved for future generations.