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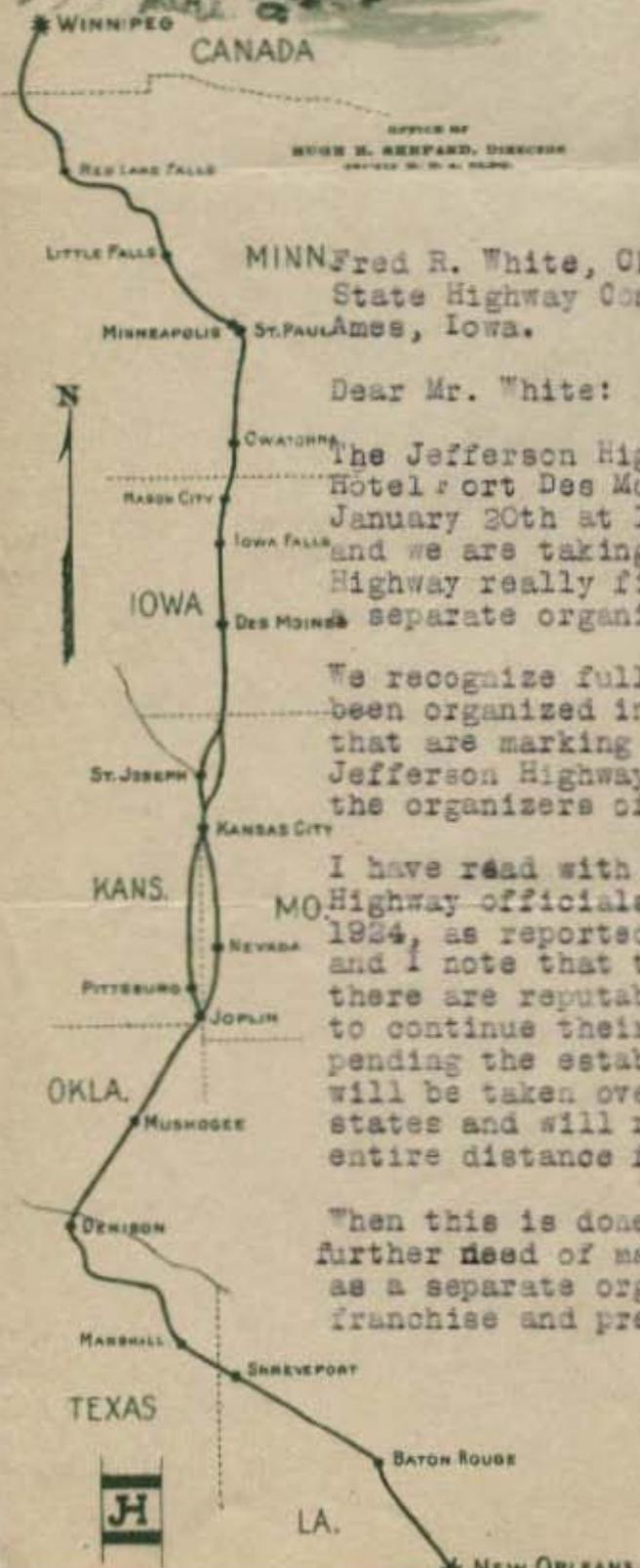
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Fred R. White, Chief Highway Engineer,
State Highway Commission,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Mr. White:

The Jefferson Highway will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday morning, January 20th at 10 o'clock. This is the tenth annual meeting and we are taking stock to determine whether the Jefferson Highway really fills a community need or whether the need of a separate organization is now over.

We recognize fully the fact that highway commissions have been organized in the various states during the last ten years that are marking their own highways and are improving the Jefferson Highway in a manner far beyond the expectation of the organizers of the Jefferson Highway.

I have read with interest the report of the meeting of the State Highway officials held in San Francisco on November 17 to 20, 1924, as reported in the January number of "American Highways" and I note that the State Highway officials recognize that there are reputable trail organizations that should be permitted to continue their markings during their period of usefulness pending the establishment of a proper marking system which will be taken over by the Highway Departments of the various states and will retain the Jefferson Highway markings for the entire distance from New Orleans to Winnipeg.

When this is done, it is my belief that there will be no further need of maintaining the Jefferson Highway association as a separate organization except perhaps to retain the franchise and preserve the name of the organization.

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I know that you are a very busy man, but it seems to me that the work of the Jefferson Highway has been of considerable importance during the last decade, and that we have really been of some assistance to the good roads improvement in the Mississippi Valley.

I will appreciate it very much if you will write me a letter telling me just what is the present condition of the Jefferson Highway with reference to improvements already made - paving, gravel and draining on the ground through the state of Iowa, and advise me what improvements are contemplated during the years 1925 and 1926.

If you can get this information to me by early mail so that I may receive it the last of this week, I will greatly appreciate your kindness.

For your information in the matter I enclose tourist guide issued by the Jefferson Highway Association with insert that purports to show the condition of the road on the ground as of October 1, 1924. The map is in the back of the tourist guide.

I will appreciate one of your State Road-maps.

Yours truly,

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