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Palm-to-Pine Pathfinders State Distinguished Body of Citizens Making Trip

Mayors of Many Cities Along Route as Well as Mayor O'Keefe of New Orleans, Men of All Walks of Life and Many Nationalities, But With Irish. Predominating-, Will Arrive in Winnipeg With Party Oct. 2.

We are bringing on our Palm-to Pine tour the largest delegation of United States cities mayors that has ever been seen in Winnipeg, and every one of them I'm sure, will prove a booster for your city," stated R. E. Austin, who with S. Fowlkes, Jr. from the team of pathfinders for the big touring party from the south, will arrive 250 strong in Winnipeg in the afternoon of October 2.

Besides these many mayors of leading cities along the Jefferson Highway, we will be accompanied to your city, states Mr. Austin, by United States Senator James Reed, of Kansas City, one of the presidential possibilities in the ranks of the Democratic Party. Every walk of life will be represented in our party, professional men, statesmen, and leaders in the ranks of commerce and finance. Every nationality will be represented, but the Irish will predominate. I am going to give you a list of these men who stand high in the activities of the various states through which we will pass on our south to north outing, and the people of Winnipeg can then judge for themselves if we are not a representative delegation.

Many Women Coming

Right here is wish to emphasize that not for one moment is this a 'stag' party for we will be accompanied by 50 women, for the most part the wives of the men, who are not going to allow their husbands to be so far away from home, in a strange country, without their guidance and support, as we well know that the alluring charms of your northern women are hard to resist; so the southern ladles, the housewives and the daughters, will be largely represented.

"Speaking for my own city there will be Mayor Arthur O'Keefe, who will be the pilot of the Palmers. He was elected to office last January without opposition; something that has never occurred in the 300 years' history of our city; .We dearly love a fight for public office, but owing to the outstanding position of Mr. O'Keefe he escaped a contest. Our former Mayor Beherman was one of the pioneers of the Jefferson Highway and 1917 made the trip to Winnipeg. He was much interested in the route and our present mayor is only carrying out the intention of Mr. Beherman and leading the delegation north, as a return compliment to your city. Mayor O'Keefe is very fond of all athletic sports and is also a keen horseman.

Champion Charlestone

Col. Montulenze, 80 years of age, one of the best Charleston dancers in the south and a fine entertainer, representing the French quarter of New Orleans, is also coming. Then there is Congressman James O'Connor, representative for many years from Louisiana; E. E. Atkinson, chairman of the Highway Commission of Louisiana, who will be the official representative of the Jefferson Highway on the tour. This highway is practically a boulevard through our state. L. T. Meredith, Des Moines, former United States secretary-of agriculture, in the cabinet of Woodrow Wilson, who is the publisher of one of the largest farm journals in United States, is a member of the party.

"The official representative of the state of Louisiana will be Mrs. James Fuqua, wife of the governor, who is sending- the best 'man' he knew to represent himself, a resident of

Shreveport, La. John McW. Ford, one of the first presidents of the Jefferson Highway association, of

Nachitoch, La.; Mayor John Keller and William Gill, director of the Jefferson Highway, will represent Dallas, Texas. From Dennison, Texas, there is coming Mayor W. S. Hibbard, who travelled all the way from Dallas in the rain on Labor Day to meet us to make sure he was included in the tour. Muskogee, Okla. will be represented by the director of state playgrounds, O. S. Kavanaugh, and there will also be a large delegation from Venita and Miami Okla. the latter being a great centre for zinc and lead mines. The mayors of Joplin and Fort Scott, Kansas, are coming. William Russell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, is accompanying Senator James Reed. From Bethany, Mo. there will be Ezra Frisby, who is also one of the past presidents of the Jefferson Highway; and Mayor Fred Hunter is coming from Des Moines. A. S. Fitzhugh, manager of Greater Des Moines association; John Hammill, governor of Iowa, of Mason City; Hugh S. Shepherd, past president of the Highway association,

St. Joseph, Mo.; W. S. McNish, former president of the Highway association and a director of the American Automobile association, and former mayor of St. Joseph; S. A. Moore, president of the, A.A.A., are coming. From St. Paul, Minn., there will be Mayor Lawrence C. Hudgson and two city commissioners; from Minneapolis, Mayor George B. Leech and Perry S. Williams, secretary of the Civic and Commerce association of that city; from Little Falls, Minn., A. S. Stone, secretary of Board of Commerce, with two other cars of business men; from Park Rapids, Minn., C. W.

Campbell, president of the Board of Commerce, and Lem Rice, vice-president of the Jefferson Highway association; from Bemidji, Minn., Mayor Thomas with several cars of business men; from Red Lake Falls, Minn., Mayor Theodore Christiansen and Sam Hunt, director of the Jefferson Highway; from Thief -River Falls. Minn., the mayor, all the aldermen of the city council, and the whole town will make the trip. This place is going to move right in on you.

“Then there is Scott Hammond, secretary of the port commissioners: Walter Parker, one of the first presidents of the Highway association; James Fortier, chairman of the Good Roads board of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, manager of the Palm-to-Pine tour; James Thomson, publisher of the Item-Tribune, sponsor of the tour; Z. Hawkins, publicity director of the tour, also the representatives of the Item-Tribune, are other members of the New Orleans party. There will be over 100 cars, carrying 250 persons, who will start on the morning of Sept. 20 and reach "Winnipeg the afternoon of October 2."

Messrs. Austin and Fowlkes travelled to this city in a Hudson coach and crossed the border amid a blaze of northern lights to welcome them to the Dominion. The hour was 3 o'clock in the morning and at St. Jean, Man., the welcoming party of Winnipeg automobilists met them and escorted them to the Marlborough hotel where they will be guests until Saturday morning when they return south. Tonight they will be guests of honor at the mayor's dinner in the Marlborough hotel when citizens will form a strong committee to complete arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the party.