

that part of the country before, however, the country thru Louisiana was a new experience. As soon as you arrive in Louisiana you are impressed with new sights. First the red soils cover the ground and cotton and sugarcane grows on all sides. The cotton harvest at this time of the year is mostly completed but some fields remain unpicked. Most of the land is plowed and replanted for next years crop. Right now there are many negroes gleaning the fields. These people need relief, especially the children and I wonder why it would not be a good idea to relegate some of the aid to our own country instead of such enlightened countries as Germany & England. Whenever you see negroes you find old broken down cars with smoke trailing behind like a smoke screen.

The cities are just like those to the north except there are usually two or three beggars on each street.

On the second day out I passed Baton Rouge where Kaiser has a big processing plant. I thought the Geneva plant was large but it does not compare with the plant in the south. After facing the fleet of trucks driving north out of New Orleans for about 2 hours I was ready to call it a day.

The next morning drove into New Orleans and went directly to the United Fruit Company Office and contacted the man who had handled my passenger reservation. Everything was in order except a visa from the Consulate General of Guatemala who had an office near by. (Fare \$398.00 round trip) Then I went to the freighting section of the building, to find that they knew nothing about shipping the car, which was the responsibility of an exporter Co. which I contacted in Kansas City several weeks before. They told me that it would be impossible to ship the