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**Missouri Intelligencer Article on the Road to Mexico Survey,
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FRANKLIN,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1825.

We have been favored with the perusal of a letter from Col. Reeves, one of the commissioners for marking out the road from Missouri to Santa Fe, dated Arkansas River, 390 miles from Franklin, Sept. 29: from which we make the following extracts:

“ We commenced a survey of the road at Fort Osage; on the 17th of July, and arrived at the boundary line of the United States on the 11th inst. a distance from Fort Osage of 416 miles. We remained at the line until the 20th, waiting further instructions to pass with the road into the Mexican territory—none having arrived, the approach of winter made it necessary to be on the alert. Mr. Sibley, with a small part of our company, set out for Santa Fe to winter. Col. Matier and myself are now upon our return, locating and marking the road as we go, and hope to arrive at our own frontier early in November.

“ We have experienced no difficulty on the score of wood or water. A most excellent road can be had; nature has opened it. The route is entirely practicable for vehicles of the heaviest description.—The Indians with whom we have treated, manifested great friendship, and readily consented to the unmolested use of the road through any part of their territory, and guaranteed every protection in their power to the passerby.”