

# TEXAS CALLS TO SOX; 4 TEAMS TO FLORIDA

## Fort Worth Appears as Rival to Mineral Springs and Dallas.

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Florida is the favorite training ground of American league clubs. Four magnates have chosen this sunny state for their training camps in 1919. One other team may decide to visit the land of the alligator and the Everglades in March. White Sox officials are considering three places: Mineral Wells, Dallas and Fort Worth, all in Texas.

Fort Worth yesterday bobbed up as a training camp possibility when the citizens of Mineral Wells continued to delay in their guaranties. Dallas, the latest home of Doc White, who owns a part of the baseball club in that Texas league city, is running Mineral Wells a close race as the final training spot for the Sox. Fort Worth is the dark horse and may beat its competitors to the wire.

### Home of Texas Booster.

Fort Worth has several points that appeal strongly to President Comiskey and he may finally decide to take his team to that city. This enterprising Texas city long has been considered a hotbed of White Sox interest. It is the home of Amon Carter, one of the most persistent boosters Comiskey's team has ever had.

Fort Worth lacks the water that has made Mineral Wells famous, but it has advantages of which that Texas resort cannot boast and mineralized well water can be shipped. Carter and his supporters, who are eager to see the Sox do their spring conditioning in his city, guarantee one of the best diamonds in the south and the best of hotel accommodations.

"There is nothing to approach the south for real honest-to-goodness, genuine hospitality," said a major league magnate who takes his team south each year. This is true and especially so of Fort Worth.

In more than a decade the most impressive and hearty reception given the White Sox on their annual exhibition trips preceding the championship races was that of the Fort Worth boosters on one of the team's jaunts to the Lone Star state. On this occasion more than 500 plates were set and every seat was occupied by an ardent booster or a ball player or official.

Amon Carter, part owner of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, furnishes the principal reason for the White Sox training at Fort Worth even if the club had no other. The club has had no more persistent or whole hearted booster than this publisher from the southwest.

In the celebration at Shanley's in New York following the world series triumph of the White Sox in 1917, Carter vied with Joe Farrell, president of the Woodland Bards, in entertaining a crowd of celebrating fans from the west. His witty sallies and good natured raillery directed against the Giants and in favor of the White Sox, representative of the expansive west, were masterpieces of brilliant repartee.

### Clevelands Omit Barnstorming.

Smiling Jim Dunn, boss of the Cleveland Indians, will introduce an innovation on this jaunt of his club. He will eliminate the barnstorming games from the Forest city schedule. It will be the first time in its history that the Cleveland club voluntarily has jumped home from New Orleans without playing an exhibition game. Once before the club was compelled to do so on account of floods.

"A spring training trip should be for the express purpose of conditioning the major league players," said President Dunn to-day. "Last year we booked ten exhibition games. My club bumped into bad weather on this trip and suffered accordingly. This season I'm going to try something new. The Indians will play among themselves at their camp and chances are they'll return the best trained club in the American league."

The experiment of the Indians will be watched with interest by other clubs. If Cleveland is successful in winning a pennant after eliminating its barnstorming jaunt, other teams may follow its example.