TEXAS TO SUIT ITSELF.

Will Be Given Leeway in the Preparation of Its Exhibit at St. Louis.

STATEMENT BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Wortham Discusses the Location of the Texas Building, the Site for Which Has Been Selected.

Dallas, Texas, March 8.—Louis J. Wortham, general manager for the Texas World's Fair commission, has returned from St. Louis and gives out the following account of his trip:

"The members of the executive commission and myself visited the World's Fair site and went over the ground. The spot selected for the Texas building was on an elevation in a southerly direction from the United States government building. Missouri had first choice and Illinois was next and Texas is third in picking a place. Our decision is not final, but is subject to the approval of the executive committee."

The executive committee will visit Fort Worth on the occasion of the meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association on March 11 and will submit a proposition for a fund to be raised by the cattlemen, which will be distinct from the county funds.

In discussing the reception of the Texas party in St. Louis, Manager Wortham said:

"We were entertained in such a manner by the exposition authorities as to make us believe that in the judgment of the exposition authorities Texas was the only state on earth, except Missouri, Illinois being a possible second.

"We saw the director of grounds and in anticipation of our coming he had already selected a site for the Texas building. The exposition grounds with reference to the main exhibition palaces lie in the general shape of a crescent with the government building representing the extreme left and first south of the government building is the site selected for the Missouri state building, a little south of east is the site reserved for the Illinois building and one block west from the Texas building is the site set for the Texas building, which site is subject to the approval of the executive committee of the Texas World's Fair commission.

"Over the main thoroughfare of the exposition grounds between the grounds in front of the palaces are to be constructed buildings for Texas. West of the site reserved for Texas are the grounds devoted to the buildings of foreign countries. An ornamental subject, grounds surrounded by water, will separate visitors within a few feet of the Missouri, Illinois and Texas buildings.

A matter of great importance to Texas people was an interview with D. Dowrie, J. V. Sam, commissioner of water, in which the Texas commission agreed to make a connection with the water mains of the exposition company for water for irrigating purposes. The exposition company agreed to furnish water for irrigating purposes at the rate of 10 cents per 1,000 gallons. This is the lowest rate given to any state or country. The Texas commission will have the right to put in the connection and will have the right to put in the connection and will have the right to put in the connection and