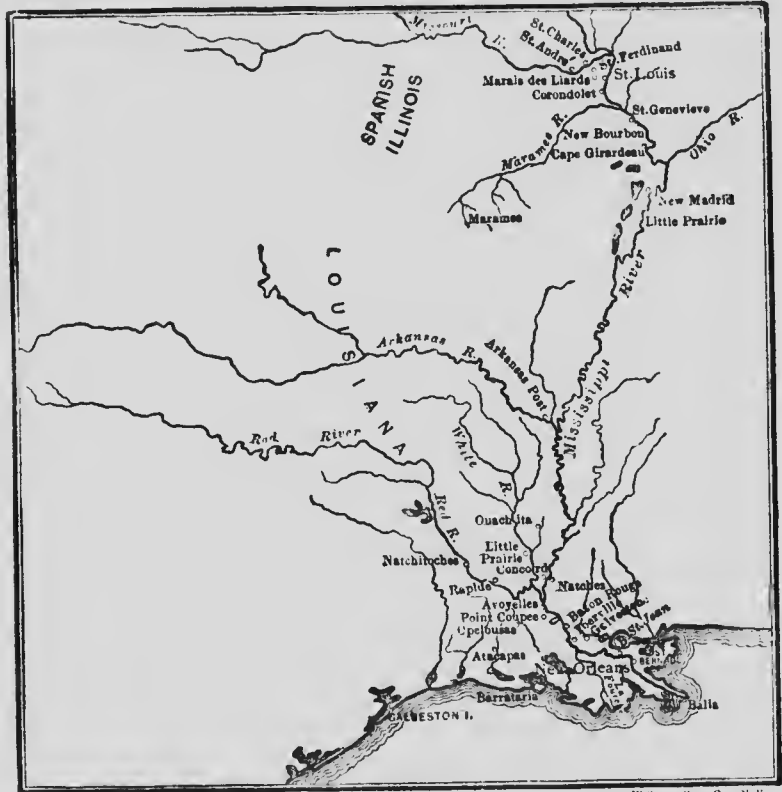


and Point Coupée were the Acadians banished from Nova Scotia by the British government. The villages on Red River — Avoyelles, Rapide, Natchitoches — were settled by descendants of the original French. So, too, was the Post aux Arkansas and Ouichita on



FRENCH LOUISIANA IN 1804.

Black River. In Spanish Illinois or Upper Louisiana, along the great river that furnished the only practicable highway, were a dozen flourishing settlements — Petite Prairie, Ste. Genevieve, New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Carondelet, St. Louis, St. Charles, St. André — where were gathered a total