

THE ALONSO MANUEL REGIL TOKENS

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I decided to write on these tokens, as many collectors and dealers do not know about these pieces, even though they have been identified and cataloged since 1974. Leslie and Pradeau reported these in the book, "The Henequen Plantation Tokens of the Yucatan Peninsula", and in 1989 Frank Grove cataloged them in his book "Tokens of Mexico".

Alonso Manuel Regil Casares was the owner of several haciendas, and he issued a series of tokens with the initials of his name. This series consist of three denominations. The smaller one of 20mm is a 10 centavos piece, which is very rare. (Photo #1). This was unknown to Leslie, Pradeau or Grove. I have only seen three pieces in more then twenty years. They were all counterstamped on a Mexico City Mint bronze one-centavo coin, type of 1905 - 1915. All the series were made with half relief punches, so the inscriptions are incuse.

The next piece in size and denomination is the 25 centavos token also counterstamped on regular 20mm nickel 5-centavo coins of the 1905 - 1914 type. In this denomination there are two different punches used for the number "25" (Photo #2). This denomination is scarce. Normally the coins used as "flans", were previously flattened up and then counter- marked, however I am presenting a very particular piece that still shows part of the original design. Most interesting design still visible is the date 1910 (Photo #3), which is important because it proves that these tokens were issued starting in 1910 prior to the issuance of the large five centavos in 1914.

The highest denomination is the 50 centavos, counterstamped on a regular 25mm 2 centavo, the type of 1905- 1906. There are also two different varieties of the numbers (photo #4). After years of looking for I finally found a piece with the date, denomination and the mint mark visible. (Photo #5). This denomination is very scarce.



PHOTO #1



PHOTO #2



PHOTO #3



PHOTO #4



PHOTO #5