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MEMORANDUM ON TROPIC EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK.

The need for out-door work for the unemployed in winter, as shown recently when, because of bad weather, only 1000 men could be used in park work, out of 54,000 registered for such work, adds an economic re-habilitation value to the proposed Tropic Everglades National Park.

The proposal to create this park on the southwestern tip of Florida has aroused tremendous national interest among botanists, biologists, archaeologists, nature lovers and the public generally, because of its unique tropical situation, its scenic beauty, its teeming wild life, gorgeous flora, and rare pre-historic remains, as well as because of its location in the east, where there are so few national parks, and in a state that is already a national winter play-ground, frequented by citizens from the entire country.

The creation of this park, which comprises everglades, inland waterways and most of the Ten Thousand Islands, was recommended by the Secretary of the Interior in 1930, after an investigation of the area by a representative from the Department of the Interior, together with Senators and Congressmen; and a bill creating this park has been passed by the Senate and is expected to be passed by the House this session.

My father-in-law and I own a complete or controlling interest in more than 200,000 acres of the most beautiful and accessible part of this area, including tropical islands, many miles of bay, gulf and river frontage, tropical hammocks, everglades and pine spots.

I can deliver this land at a nominal price.

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Herewith book of photographs of the park area.
Senate Committee Print "Tropic Everglades National Park".
2 clippings.