

Cox, James
M.
(Governor)

October 21st, 1919.

Honorable James M. Cox,
Governor of the State of Ohio,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Governor :

This will introduce to you Mr. Rodman Wiley, former Highway Commissioner of Kentucky, who is now acting as Chief Engineer of the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company, of which I happen to be a stockholder.

If you don't know all about Kentucky Rock Asphalt I might hastily tell you that it makes the best roads that are at this time available, and if you are further interested, Mr. Wiley can give you further particulars. We are in hopes some day to have this material on the Dixie Highway clear thru Kentucky and a part of Tennessee.

My very best regards -

Yours very truly,

CGF:R

P. S. I don't believe you got down to Miami last Winter. It is quite a place during the Winter months and I am sending you under separate cover one of our Golf booklets and one of our Altonia booklets; also a Playground booklet.

State of Ohio
Executive Department
Columbus

Cox

October 24, 1919

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Carl:

Your Mr. Wiley was here, and I have had him properly presented to the Highway Commissioner, Mr. Taylor. I hope the Kentucky Rock Asphalt possesses the virtues that you describe.

Many thanks for the invitation to Miami. I would love to come, but with the conditions in the country as they are, and the certainty of the legislative session, I can't see much chance of coming south. If I do get away, it will be to Miami.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

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January 15, 1923

Mr. Carl Fisher,
Hotel Lincoln,
Miami Beach, Florida


My dear Carl:

I am thinking of coming to Miami for most of February and probably all of March. What have you in accommodations wither in the way of a hotel cottage or accommodations in the hotel? We would want, in the event of our coming to the hotel, two bedrooms with bath, and a sitting room. Mrs. Ansberry, wife of Judge Ansberry of Washington who is living at a cottage somewhere on the beach, may come in to see you with reference to our arrangements.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours

Very truly yours,

 James M. Cox

January 19th, 1923.

My dear Governor:

I have yours of the 15th. We had a call from Mrs. Ansberry, the other day; and while both of our hotels are sold out for February and a part of March - as this is our very busiest season - we have made through our Mr. Krom, of the Flamingo, a reservation for you.

I told Krom, our Manager, that you are liable to be the next President, and that we simply had to take care of you.

I want to get you hooked onto a hell of a big fish that will wear you to a frazzle, to help get even with you for switching that Dixie Highway up in Indiana.

We are having wonderful weather down here; you are missing a lot of fine fishing and outdoor exercise by remaining up in that country at this time of the year.

I am sending you a booklet under separate cover.

Yours,

Hon. James M. Cox,
Dayton, Ohio.

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January 26, 1923

Mr. Carl Fisher,
Miami Florida

My dear Carl:

Your very gracious treatment of me is but characteristic. Frankly, I was not surprised by it because I was sure that the old flame of friendship lighted when you and Earl Kiser and I were dreaming day-dreams on Second Street together, was still alive.

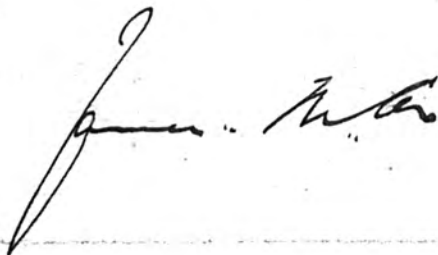
I am much interested in seeing Miami. They tell me you have brought about a real transformation. We are planning to leave here about February eleventh. Just as soon as we know definitely I will wire you because I do not want to add to your inconvenience in a busy season. I have a letter from Mrs. Ansberry today in which she says there is a possibility of our getting a Flamingo cottage. That would be delightful. We will have two small children with us and the cottage life for them would doubtless be better than living in a hotel, although we are anxious to be under the Flamingo wing.

Tell me now, man to man whether it gets too warm in Miami in March. I would like to feel I can stay until the first of April. Forget you are a southern propagandist and tell me the truth.

We will settle the old Dixie Highway score when we meet. I will certainly bring my fishing tackle with me. It will be a real delight to reminisce and go back over the trails of old.

With all good wishes and assurances of deep appreciation for your courtesy,
I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. [unclear]". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Very truly yours,". The signature starts with a large, stylized initial 'J' that loops down and then back up to the right. The rest of the name is written in a fluid, cursive hand.

January 30th, 1923.

My dear Governor:

Yours of the 26th. We always have a warm "spell" in March. It lasts about one week or ten days; and it is the worst thing that ever could happen to southern Florida, for the reason that a lot of people imagine that it is warm at home and that the winter is over, and they go out of here like rats from a sinking ship. We usually have a breeze, however, in the afternoon which makes it very pleasant on the beaches or around the hotels. It is never too warm here any day in March to be very comfortable around the hotel or in the shade; but we do have days between the hours of eleven and two thirty when the thermometer registers a little too warm for our red blooded northern guests. The temperature, however, seldom reaches above 81; and it is NEVER -- so help me God! -- within thirty degrees as hot in this country as it is in Dayton or Indianapolis during July and August. I think the three hottest spots on the face of the globe in August is the corner of Meridian and Washington Streets in Indianapolis; the front steps of your newspaper office in Dayton; and the front piazza of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

If you will stay down here through March, and take a little real exercise every day - even if only a two or three mile walk - and a swim in the ocean for about one half hour, I will guarantee it will cure you of whatever ails you; but, please note, that as marvelous as this climate is, we do not positively give a money-back guarantee to resuscitate a paralyzed corpse.

I am just going to have a nice gin-fizz made with our Florida limes; and then I am going to the beach for a swim; And, I imagine, about the time you are reading this cheerful information it will either be snowing or a cold drizzly rain with you.

Yours,

Hon. James M. Cox,
Dayton, Ohio.

February 20th, 1923.

Mr. James P. Cox,
Meridian Avenue,
Miami Beach, Fla.

My dear Governor:

We are just opening up a new sub-division north of the new eighteen hole golf course. We have signed the contracts for the building of a two hundred room hotel, on the hotel site marked "X" on this plan. There will be twelve beautiful cottages built in connection with the hotel site, on Collins Island; and John's Island will be made into a putting green. The hotel will be as large as the Flamingo and of the same class. The Fuller Construction Company will be the builders, and they promise to have this hotel ready for us by December 1st, and they usually keep their promises. We are going to spend \$300,000. in fixing up this property for next season, and I have no doubt that next season we will sell all of the sub-divided property which you see on this map in thirty days.

I would like you and Mr. Ansberry to take the best part of this property now, and I will give you a price that ought to make you, between yourselves, a profit of \$100,000. in three years. If you will take the entire block — except the lot marked "X", which I reserve for Mr. Burley — and build two houses to cost not less than \$20,000. each on this property. I will make you a price of \$100,000. on eleven hundred feet of water frontage which I have marked with blue pencil, and over fourteen hundred feet of boulevard frontage. We have sold a great deal of property of this same kind and not so well located as this property for \$250. and \$300. per front foot. Please consider this offer confidential.

If you are not interested, kindly return the blue print. The offer is for immediate acceptance and I could not make it later, as I expect to sell some of this property this week, unless you and Mr. Ansberry will take it.

You can have terms on the property of twenty-five percent down, one, two, three years balance, seven percent interest. The price I am making you is a little less than half what the property is worth.

I expect to tear down the present bridge, marked on the map with an "X", and rebuild this bridge thirty feet wide, with some very beautiful entrance gates, with life sized statues of polo players and polo ponies.

I will be glad to go over the matter any time tomorrow or next day, if you are interested. I don't want to bother you if you are not interested, so don't even take the time to answer this letter unless you want to go into the matter further.

Very truly yours,

James P. Cox.

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February 20, 1923.

I can show you sketches of the new hotel on Thursday. We will be ready to make a public announcement of the improvements by Friday of this week.

I will be very glad to personally guarantee this investment; I want you and Mr. Ansberry with us and I want you to make some money, and this is the very best thing I have at this time to offer.

GGF

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April 20, 1923

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
The Flamingo Hotel,
Miami Beach, Florida

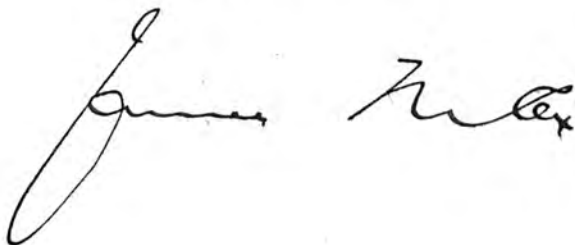
My dear Carl:

Thank you for your message of felicitation and good wishes. Much of my enthusiasm over Miami you are responsible for, but I am past twenty-one, and will have to take the consequences of my own judgment whether for good or bad.

I think there is a real chance in Miami to develop the property of the Metropolis. These things aren't done in a day, but we are starting to put together the fundamentals.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. Cox". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

April 18th, 1923.

Mr. James M. Cox,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Governor:

I have just wired you congratulations on the purchase of the Metropolis. You are going to have a great newspaper here in a great country.

Incidentally, I would appreciate very much if you will carry at least a part of your bank account with the Miami First National Bank. Mr. Ed Rohlf, the President of this bank, is a very live and energetic banker and has been of great assistance in building up this community. He has helped me out in a number of ways, and when you need a banker it is usually more important than a doctor.

Just now our season is practically over. We are commencing to have days when we are not selling anything and a great majority of the tourists have gone North. For this reason, we are cutting our advertising down to the summer schedule, but we will be back with you in November.

Yours sincerely,

GCF
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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Apr 19th, 1923

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To **MR JAMES M COX**

Street and No. (or Telephone Number)

Place **DAYTON OHIO**

I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE PURCHASE OF THE METROPOLIS STOP IT IS A
FIRST CLASS PAPER AND MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH WILL HAVE A POPULATION
OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND IN FIVE YEARS

CARL G FISHER

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FOR ANSWER

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CARL G FISHER PORT WASHINGTON NY

SIDEWALK HAS BEEN PLACED SO CLOSE TO WALL IN FRONT OF MY PROPERTY AT MIAMI THAT NO PLANTING BE DONE THIS RUINS THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU PERSONALLY TO DO SOMETHING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES DO NOT SEEM TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT, IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME HOW ANY ADDITION IN A HIGH CLASS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT COULD BE LAYED OUT WITH SUCH DELIBERATE DISREGARD OF THE INTERESTS OF THE BUILDERS PLEASE WIRE ME WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO I HAVE ORDERED CONSTRUCTION TO STOP.

JAMES M COX

James M Cox
BY *X*
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Aug. 22, 1923.

JAMES M COX
BETHLEHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

I HAVE CHECKED YOUR WIRE OF THE TWENTY FIRST THE ERROR IS CLEARLY ON YOUR ARCHITECT OUR MAPS ARE ON FILE IN OUR OFFICE AND IF YOUR ARCHITECT WANTED PLANTING BETWEEN THE SIDE WALK AND THE FENCE HE SHOULD HAVE PUT THE FENCE LINE BACK WHERE IT BELONGS IT IS REALLY RIDICULOUS FOR THE ARCHITECT TO COME ALONG NOW AND CLAIM THAT WE SHOULD MOVE A SIDEWALK WHICH IS AN ESTABLISHED CITY LINE STOP YOU CAN CUT SMALL HOLES SAY ONE AND ONE HALF FEET IN DIAMETER IN THE SIDE WALK NEXT TO THE WALL AND GET FINE RESULTS FROM VINES THE SIDEWALK CANNOT BE CHANGED WITHOUT ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL STOP I WOULD ADVISE THAT YOU PROCEED WITH YOUR HOUSE CUTTING HOLES IN THE SIDEWALK FOR YOUR VINES AND WHEN YOU COME DOWN THIS WINTER YOU CAN THEN DECIDE DEFINITELY WHAT YOU WANT TO DO FOR FUTURE PLANTING STOP IT IS IMMATERIAL TO US WHETHER YOU HAVE A SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY OR NOT BUT FOR YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE I WOULD ADVISE THAT YOU RETAIN THE SIDEWALK I WOULD ALSO ADVISE THAT YOU PAY OUR COMPLIMENTS TO YOUR ARCHITECT IN A STRONG LANGUAGE AS YOU WISH AS IT IS CLEARLY UP TO HIM FOR THE MISTAKE MADE

CARL G FISHER

Aug. 23, 1923.

My dear Mr. Cox:

I sent you the following telegram yesterday:

"I have checked your wire of the 21st. The error is clearly on your architect. Our maps are on file in our office and if your architect wanted planting between the sidewalk and the fence he should have put the fence line back where it belongs. It is really ridiculous for the architect to come along now and claim that we should move a sidewalk which is an established city line. Stop. You can cut small holes, say one and one half feet in diameter in the sidewalk next to the wall and get fine results from vines. The sidewalks cannot be changed without action of the city council. Stop. I would advise that you proceed with your house, cutting holes in the sidewalk for your vines and when you come down this winter you can then decide definitely what you want to do for future planting. Stop. It is immaterial to us whether you have a sidewalk in front of your property or not, but for your own convenience I would advise that you retain the sidewalk. I would also advise that you pay our compliments to your architect in as strong language as you wish, as it is clearly up to him for the mistake made."

I don't know that there is anything that we can do for you except to co-operate with the City and yourself; but, one thing I am certain of, is that the error -- if any error has been made at all -- is on the part of your architect and not up to us.

Vines enough to cover your fence so that it will take two men's time to keep them out, will grow out of an opening eight inches in diameter cut in the sidewalk.

Yours,

Mr. James M. Cox,
Bethlehem, E.H.

August 24th, 1923.

Dear Mr. Cox;

I have your telegram. As I have written you, I would advise that you have holes cut in the sidewalk to plant the vines, and the quicker the vines are planted the better showing they will make. As a matter of fact, on account of the prevailing south and southeast winds all during the winter time, the vines will do much better if planted on the western side of the wall and allow them to come over the wall. Then, after you arrive there, say about the 1st of December, you can then positively make up your mind what you want to do.

It is a big job to change the city lines of the sidewalk, but a comparatively simple job to change the front end of the wall; since practically all of the materials can be used, except the foundation.

I will be very glad to go over the property with you when you come down, and we will make some decision at that time. I do not know now just what can be done with the city authorities regarding moving the sidewalk; in fact, the whole situation can be handled better when we are both on the ground than by telegrams or letters.

I don't suppose that Floyd, if he is responsible for locating the wall, understood that you wanted an open garden space in front of the wall.

If you could immediately make up your mind to do so, it will be well to move the wall back about eight feet, if you want that much space between the wall and the sidewalk; even ten feet back would do you no harm, and, personally, I think that the property would look very much better if the wall is moved back ten feet.

If vines were planted on the inside of the wall now, they could be conserved and could be on the outside of the wall if you decide to move the wall.

Page Two -- JMC

I am inclined to believe that you would appreciate a sidewalk, as you won't always want to go down to the hotel or over the property in an automobile.

There are so many points to consider that it is really difficult to say at this minute what is the best thing to do; but in the long run, I believe you would be better satisfied to run the wall back eight or ten feet over the full line of your property. This will give a finished appearance when you arrive in the Fall.

Kindly let me hear from you, as we will co-operate with you in every way possible.

Yours sincerely,

Dictated but not
read by Mr. Fisher

Mrs James M. Cox
Bethlehem, N.H.

Bethlehem N.H

C.F.

Architect has not been employed until wall was built across front. Your Mr. Floyd laid the wall on lines given by your engineer. We would prefer no sidewalk under the circumstances.

James M. Cox

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August 28, 1923.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Port Washington,
Long Island, N. Y.

My dear Carl:

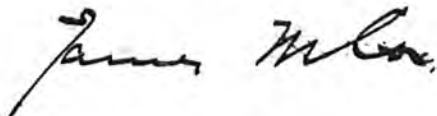
I have both your letter and telegram. It was with the utmost regret that I felt compelled by circumstances to trespass upon your vacation period. However, the mess at Miami, it seemed to me, called for drastic action from some source. I cannot for the life of me, Carl, understand how Floyd, who is the responsible person in this matter, as I see it--unless it be your engineers--would lay a wall so close that there is not an inch left for planting. The sidewalk immediately against the wall absolutely ruins the appearance of the place. Our enthusiasm for the place is gone. This thing will botch the whole arrangement.

Bear in mind, my dear fellow, that we paid several thousand dollars for a sand lot, and have spared no pains whatever in the building of the wall. There is a gross lack of co-operation somewhere, and I should be lacking in frankness with you if I did not express my firm conviction that your organization is chargeable with this stupidity. You say Floyd did not know we wanted planting space reserved. If so, he must be singularly void of imagination.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

JMC/JFQ



Sept. 4th, 1923.

Mr. James M. Cox,
Dayton Daily News,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cox:

I have yours of the 28th. There isn't a chance in the world for you to pin this sidewalk and wall matter onto me or our company. In the first place, Mr. Floyd has never been in the employ of our company for the past two years. We have given him a great deal of work to do, but he is out on his own entirely, and has no connection with our developing companies.

If I thought for a minute that the stupidity you speak of, came from our organization, I would advise them to move the wall at our expense, but for a good many years I have followed one principle in business which I think is somewhat near the right plan; and that is to acknowledge promptly all the mistakes which we make, then make them good; and to let the other fellow take care of his own mistake. In this case, I don't know just where the mistake is, but I do know that it is not on us. We had nothing whatever to do with the entire transaction, except to sell you the lot.

And, since you mention the matter; I might say that the "sand lot" I sold you was sold at a very attractive price, and if you don't want it, I will take it off your hands at fifty percent advance over the price you paid for it; and that is that.

Your argument is with Floyd and the city engineers, and not with me; altho I will do all I can to help you out of any jam you get in. I am not going to rear back and break the bridle or own up that my organization is full of stupidity or lack of imagination -- or lack of anything else, until I have better proof of same than has been submitted in this case.

Yours very truly,

Dictated but not read
by Mr. Fisher

Cox

December 7, 1923

Mr. James M. Cox,
c/o Miami Metropolis,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Cox:

I have been informed of the threatened strike of the printers in the shop of the Metropolis and wish to assure you of my wholehearted support if you decide to operate your paper on the open shop plan.

Yours very truly,

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December 6, 1924.

My dear Carl:

I promised Fred Tejan I would write you. As you know, he runs the riding stables at the Country Club, and gives sort of a general supervision over the polo ponies. In many respects he is an unusual fellow-- a good horseman who gets on wonderfully well with his patrons. He's affable, efficient, and possessed of a desire to please his patrons.

He is inquiring whether there will be any chance for opening up a riding stable on the Beach. I told him that I knew nothing about it, but was of the impression that someone who conducts an establishment at Manchester, Vt. in the summer, takes his horses to the Beach during the winter.

I know you are a very busy man, and yet I appreciate your interest in anyone who loves a horse. What can I tell Fred?

I trust everything is going well with you, Carl. You should be very happy over the general development at Miami. Your dream is certainly coming true. It should be a compliment to you to see the wealth and the public interest which are centering in Miami.

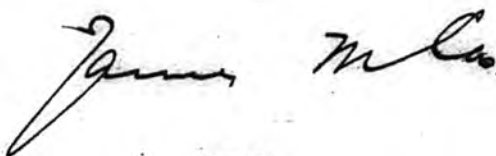
It is a waste of words for me to wish you well in all your undertakings for the New Year, and to assure you of whatever cooperation I can give. My only admonition is for you to take care of yourself. Preserve your health and happiness. You have worked hard, and you deserve many, many years of tranquil reflection over what you have done. I have a philosophy that immortality enables us to know what's going on

after we leave. There is some doubt about it, of course, therefore, the only sure way that you can see the full fruition of your labors is to stay here.

With every good wish,
James M. Fisher
Dayton, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

Yours,



Mr. Carl G. Fisher,

Alton Beach Realty Co.,
Alton Beach, Fla.
I have yours of the 6th. We already have a
riding school and some good horses will be
in here next week. It would be worth paying
Fred Dejan a salary, however, just to hear
him stand around and laugh. If I could laugh
like he does, I would go in Vandeville and
make one thousand dollars a night.....
..... and, if I could write flowery letters
like you can, I would go in competition with
Will Rogers on the other side of the fence.
Alton Beach, Fla.
Hope to see you soon. Your friend,
James M. Fisher

Dear Jim:

Dec. 9th, 1924.

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Dear Jim:

I have yours of the 6th. We already have a riding school and some good horses will be in here next week. It would be worth paying Fred Tejan a salary, however, just to hear him stand around and laugh. If I could laugh like he does, I would go in vaudeville and make one thousand dollars a night..... and, if I could write flowery letters like you can, I would go in competition with Will Rogers on the other side of the fence.

Hope to see you soon. Your place is looking well.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,

Alton Beach Realty Co.,

The Beach

Yours,

Sincerely yours,

Gen. James M. Cox, Dayton, Ohio.

There is some doubt about it, of course, therefore, the only sure way that you can see the full fruition of your labors is to stay here. after we leave.

Cox

February 18, 1926.

My dear Jim,

Yours of the 12th.

The harbor situation is working out: Most anybody with a pair of good eyes and good horse-sense can see, all of the harbor efforts now "on the board" will not be too much for Miami and Miami Beach. In fact, with the bond issue over and with our strenuous efforts to make some progress, we are going to be far behind the shipping interests for several years to come.

I don't know much about Joseph C. Mars. I think his statement would bear investigation by one of your "inside" men.

Would like to have you put that talk over on the radio whenever you are ready to do so. Our radio carries to New Foundland, South America and is particularly good in New England and in the district around Chicago, Chillicothe, Ohio, Long Island and New York City. We have already touched California, Kansas City and Portland, Me. There are some spots on the continent that, for some reason, we don't happen to "bump" into but so far we are in very good connection with the "high spots."

Some of these days I would like to talk to you and get your opinion about a registration office that would register all of the people coming into the State of Florida, and take their finger prints, each person to have an identification card from the Mayor and Chief of Police of their home town before they be allowed to enter the state. I think, first, this would give us an enormous amount of good advertising propaganda. Even if the program is not carried thru to a complete success at first it would scare thousands of crooks away from the state who would otherwise be in the state and, if completed and carried thru, it will make Florida the greatest state in the world for peace and prosperity. The cattle tick, small-pox and shortage of food and water is nothing as compared with the enormous amount of crooks that are infesting the state. The trains are loaded with three-card Monte men, card sharks (the steamships the same) and on account of our efforts to extend the courtesies of the state to visitors, we become at once "easy marks." We have some "inside" men from Chicago, Washington, Indianapolis, New York and Pittsburgh and the other day they told us that at the Beach Casino, or at the races, you could duplicate a large part of the rogues gallery among the visitors. Think it over and we'll talk it over some of these days.

Yours,

Hon. James M. Cox,
Miami, Fla.

May 3, 1930.

Governor James M. Cox,
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Governor:

I have instructed Bob today to get out a memorandum for \$10,000.00 of Montauk stock for you as a gift.

As you undoubtedly know, there is no "water" in Montauk stock. This stock cost one hundred cents on the dollar and when it commences to make good it should make very good.

I do this in appreciation of assistance that you have given in the past.

Yours,

GCF:T

P.S. Certificate will be mailed to you from Montauk next week.

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLISHER

Miami, Florida, May 5, 1930

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Carl:

Your letter of the third, advising me of the transfer of Montauk stock, brings a quickening of emotions which I cannot describe in words. I don't know anything about the property which these securities relate to, and if they should be worth a thousand for one, the mere circumstance of their value would be an infinitesimal part of this equation, for the reason that I would sooner have this warm spot in your golden heart of hearts than all of Long Island, from one end of it to the other.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. C.

Cox

May 16, 1930

Governor James M. Cox,
c/o The Carl G. Fisher Co.,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I attach this to and hand you herewith Voting Trust Certificate No. 15 representing one thousand shares (\$10,000.00) of Class B stock of the MONTAUK BEACH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, on the express agreement, pursuant to which it is presented to you and which is the substantial consideration for such presentation, that, without the consent of myself, or my trustees, or Montauk Beach Development Corporation, or its successors, for a period of five years from the date hereof, you will not sell or offer it or any part of it for sale, or loan or offer it or any part of it on loan, you will not pledge it or any part of it, or put up the whole or any part of it as collateral security for a loan or obligation, and will vote said stock in accordance with my written instructions and will at my option give and grant to me or to such other person or persons as I may in writing designate, a proxy or proxies to vote said stock at all stockholders' meetings; each and all of which stipulations shall be binding on the heirs, legal representatives, successors and/or assigns of the parties hereto.

In case of your death before the expiration of said period, if it is desired to sell said stock, then it shall be offered at its market value, or a reasonable value, first to me, my legal representatives or trustees and, second, to the Montauk Beach Development Corporation, or its management, successors or assigns, before it is offered to any other, but this is not intended and shall not in any way waive or modify the binding force hereof on heirs, legal representatives, successors and/or assigns.

Kindly sign your acceptance of this in duplicate and oblige.

Very truly yours,

Carl G. Fisher.

I accept the above mentioned stock on the terms, conditions, limitations and agreements above set forth and dated _____.

James M. Cox

May 29, 1930.

Governor James M. Cox,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Governor:

I wish you could run on down here for a day and look over this property and let me make a proposition. I want you to have a cottage here and your name to be identified with Montauk.

Instead of spending a lot of money in advertising in magazines, catalogs, newspapers, etc., we are going to go directly after sales among the large list of known travellers and property buyers at Miami Beach, Detroit and other interesting points. We already have a small colony here of some very good people and some fine homes, but the place is not growing as fast as I want to see it grow and I would like to talk over with you my plans. We are financed but we need a dozen interesting people here to play golf and use our other facilities for recreation.

You know, I offered you once thirty acres at Miami Beach for about fifteen cents on the dollar. I can make you a proposition here that would be just as interesting as the other you did not take at Miami Beach and we already have the facilities of over ten million dollars in well invested money. Golf Course, Club House, Yacht Club, etc., open tomorrow.

Am sure you have not seen our booklet of real photographs at Montauk so am sending you a copy under separate cover.

Wire me, and I will have a car meet you in New York.

I want Dan and the kids to participate also, but I will take care of them without Dan's spending any cash.

Yours,

CGGF:T

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P.S. Just received word from Chase that Roy Chapin has purchased the two big lots on the bayfront north of Bob Hammons, for cash.

He will probably take the third one. As you know, he already owns \$175,000. piece of ocean front property.

Probably Roy does not want to mention this sale at this time, so consider it confidential. At any rate, we have the cash in the bank.

Best regards.

GGF:T

June 9, 1930.

Governor James M. Cox,
Dayton, Ohio

My dear Governor:

There is a lot of talk around about your Columbus speech. It was a great move and is very favorably received -- at least, by the people with whom I associate.

The temperature of the oil had nothing to do with the troubles you had with your motors. I had a talk yesterday with Humpage, who is Treiber's right-hand man, and a good deal of our trouble has come from lack of experienced man. Among the various diesel manufacturers and users, they are, of course, picking out the best men and paying for them.

If we cannot make the stern exhaust o.k. right on the jump, we will immediately hook it into a stack. Since I have come up there is some question about the looks if we are to install the two big cowls. I think the two cowls will look splendid but if we must have the stack then I think we will have to drop the two small cowls such as are used on the Marienette.

We are having some very bad weather here this spring -- rain and fog. "Uncle Vic" has been out for two days and I am going to take him back to Port Washington tomorrow.

Yours,

CGF:T