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On the Cover: In 1905, Miami gets its port with the dredging of Government Cut, a 900-foot-wide slice through the southern tip of Miami Beach which created Fisher Island and the spoil banks of the Lummus and Dodge Islands. Mayor John Sewell declared a holiday so Miamians could watch the dredge dig the last few feet.

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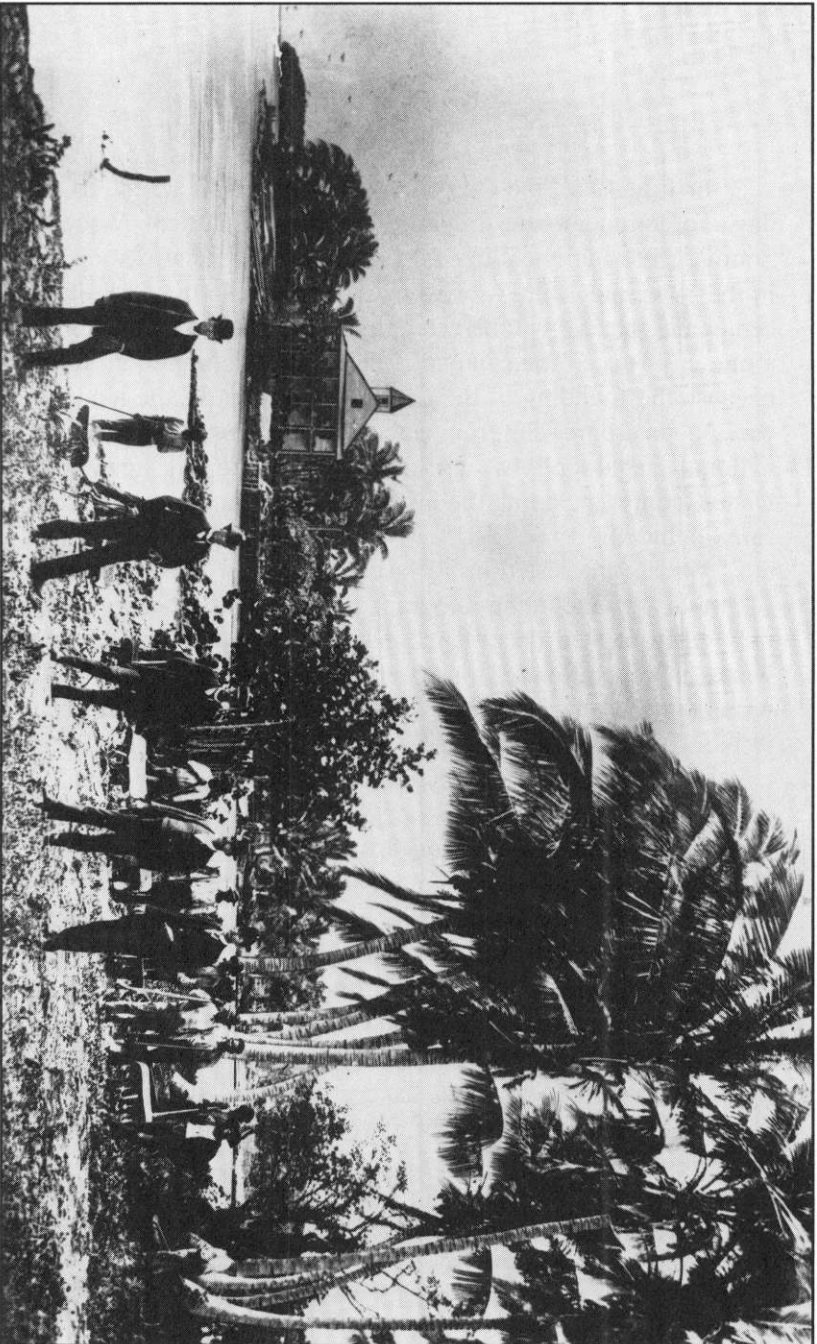
In July 1996, the City of Miami will celebrate its 100th birthday. To commemorate this milestone, the Historical Association of Southern Florida is calling for papers for a special commemoration in the 1995 and 1996 *Tequestas*. Although it is the City of Miami's centennial that we will be celebrating, the event has much more than a one-city focus. The centennial celebration is important to all of us because the founding of the City of Miami marks the launching and continuous progression from isolated wilderness to the exciting, international megalopolis we are today. Therefore, all areas of historic Dade County, including the history of other municipalities, are rightfully included.

We are interested in all facets of the last 100 years of Greater Miami history including: biography, eye-witness accounts, important previously printed documents and articles as well as new scholarly work. In preparation for this exciting event, we invite our readers and writers to read back issues of *Tequesta* to determine important subjects including politics, government, life-style and ethnic history that have not been covered well in the past. We plan to include photographs so we also encourage our readers and writers to seek out new images that record South Florida's exciting, every-changing history.

Perhaps you have special memories of your own that you think would be of interest to our readers or know someone who has a story to share. We remind you that history is ongoing and that knowledge of our more recent past is just as important to our understanding of ourselves as events that happened long ago.

We have a long tradition of working with new writers to encourage more people to try their hand at writing local history. We look forward to your submission or, if you just have an idea, give us a call and we will work with you.

Arva Moore Parks
Tequesta Editor



Ground breaking for the Royal Palm Hotel, March 3, 1896, "the starting of Miami." (Historical Association of Southern Florida, gift of Ernest Gearhart, 62-24-185)