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negotiations by which their lands may be exchanged for State lands *, and to get together with these owners and carry through the negotiations these exchanges involve.

When these negotiations are completed, the problem of what method of further procedure will be most advantageous to all interests concerned with landowners not so far dealt with calls for either purchase direct from the owners at a price consistent with fair values, or resort to the Courts and payment for the lands whatever the Court decides.

Then again, our abstract research indicates that there are lands within the Park area against which tax certificates exist and upon which the owners are unknown. These may be acquired by the State without involving expense other than clearing titles.

All in all, the culmination of Florida's part of this great National Park, a project that means so much to Florida, is a matter largely dependent upon well-ordered systematic procedure already well in hand.

The thought occurs to the writer that you might like to indicate a time and place for the next meeting of the Park Commission, convenient to your plans permitting of your being present. All Park Commission members present could at such a time become conversant with the project and its many details and a program so worked out as to assure speed of accomplishment, and at a minimum cost to the State."

* Senate Bill No. 957, 1935.