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My dear Farris -

I've been intending for a good long time to write to you about the everglades, as you suggested in a letter to me - Unless you intend to make the Everglades your chief issue it does not matter much what your platform on the subject is, so long as it is sufficiently indefinite - If you do intend to make it the main issue, you certainly must come and go over the ground yourself-

That probably seems an odd statement, but both branches of it are very true- There is no one thing (nor any dozen for that matter) which will insure the early completion of the project-

Money will not do it- Broward started with \$160,000 and accomplished more in less time than his successors have with two million-

Good engineers will not do it, because the Randolph Commission rendered a \$35000 report which has not been followed-

The trouble is with many things, because there are many factors involved, and many problems to be solved- And when the present problems are solved, there will be new ones-

The problem is not simply an engineering one, but one calling for the most constructive sort of executive ability- Finance, engineering, economic, agricultural, advertising, colonizing, immigration, transportation, business organization, experimental work of all kinds, are some of the things that press for solution; some of the problems that must be met-

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They tell me that Goethals didn't make much progress on the Canal work until he realized that it was not one big job, but that its construction was simply the job of solving many problems and attending to thousands of details- It is up to somebody to realize that fact about the Everglades-

The work will not be accomplished satisfactorily until we have in power a man who has the project at heart, who realizes its magnitude and importance, who will give it attention and who will devote some real intelligence to it- That man can either be the Governor, or some one put in charge by the State- Whoever it is he is not now connected with the project either at Tallahassee or elsewhere-

I could give some dozens of details regarding the mistakes already made, but that would do no particular good, because you cannot make a real fight on this question till you study it out for yourself- I hope you will do that-

Whoever does take up the work and carry it out will have several pages devoted to him in the 2000 A. D. edition of Florida History-

Yours truly

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