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Mr. J. M. Carson
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Dear Jim:

I will send you tomorrow a package of large pictures to be posted in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

I cannot understand your long silence, as you told me you would let me hear from you shortly after your return to Miami. I am developing remarkable strength in West Florida, but am badly crippled financially. Please let me know whether or not your friends there have quit the fight, or what they are going to do. I need reinforcements and I need them badly.

I have not answered Hudson's letter for the reason that John Crawford has carefully looked into the constitutional question touching the eligibility of Hudson's candidacy, and has come to a positive conclusion that Hudson is not eligible to hold the office of Governor, because of the increase in the Governor's salary during the session of the Legislature of 1913, and I understand he is going to so advise Mr. Hudson when he sees him. In view of this situation I thought it unwise to unnecessarily antagonize Mr. Hudson and his friends at this particular time. ~~If he~~ ^{he} withdraws from the race, I ought to get the support of his friends on the East coast and in the citrus fruit section of the State.

I think it very important that that ~~we~~ ^{we} get up a campaign statement from me, printed in pamphlet form and dealing only with the Everglades question. I could have these pamphlets distributed by my friends in every County in the State. Will you prepare such a statement for me at once? You do not seem to realize that the election is less than 90 days off, and that the greater part of our task is still ahead of us.

I am going away tomorrow to be gone a week or ten days. Wish you would communicate with Myerson at once and ~~by~~ ^{by} all means let me have that check you have been talking about.

What about the advertising campaign? I have heard nothing from it since you were here. I am using "Back to Broward" on all advertising and literature as per your suggestion.

Get busy at once and let me hear from you fully. Hoping this will find you well and with regards and best wishes,

Sincerely your friend

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P. S. If you have time to prepare me a real speech I will be selected to unveil the monument to Gov. Broward in East Jacksonville sometime within the next few weeks.