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Dear Mr. Carson:

Your letter of the 10th reached me Saturday on my return from Tallahassee where I had been to report the first debate between the Governor and the Senator. It was Monday morning (today) before I could locate any map for you, but I think now I can get one to send you tomorrow. I phoned to Dorcas and she says she can get one down to me this evening, which I will forward to you tomorrow.

I enclose with this a paper that will be self-explanatory. This is the verbatim report and it is all that the Governor had to say on that subject. The debate turned out to be not a debate but a slaughter. Coming down on the early morning train Saturday, I heard four gentlemen conversing before I got out of my berth. This is a sample of their talk: "Go to the speaking last night?" "Yes". "What did you think of it?" "I think the Governor got et up". And that was the general opinion of the whole audience, with the exception of some few Trammell "fans". It was a great surprise to me, but as gratifying as it was unexpected. The Colonel was at his best and Park, to judge from the manner and the matter of his speech, was depending entirely on his looks.

Now then, couldn't the Miami Metropolis pull off something like this: "Gov. Trammell is reported to have said, in his speech at Tallahassee Friday, that the drainage work is getting along better today than at any time in its history" etc. (Quote some more if necessary). "The Governor is either ignorant or is wilfully deceiving the people of this State, the facts of the matter being," etc., etc. "He says further, 'There was a movement on foot' (et seq) The truth about this is, that the State was pledged --- "

As he has made these statements in his speeches in his campaign for the Senate, the Colonel has every right to attack them and show him up, and by doing so could make a very effective fight on him from here south. What do you think of it? The enclosure to you is the only part of the speech I have written up yet and I don't think it will be necessary to write the speech - it certainly isn't worth it. But I do intend to hand this to the Colonel the next time I see him, with the suggestion that he use it as indicated above.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude W. Corbet.

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after Tallahassee I became hopeful for the Colonel.

James Tule