

February 5, 1916.

Honorable Ion L. Farris,  
503 Bisbee Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Judge:

I am enclosing the third or fourth installment of Everglades information.

This I have dictated myself. I consider it specially important in preparing any statement on the subject to show the people of the <sup>area</sup> ~~ways~~ of the state where and how their interests are effected.

I think, each of these four propositions carry with it as written the proof of its correctness. You probably realize from the mass of information we have now sent you, how difficult it is going to be to write an interview or a statement or a pamphlet on the subject.

I think we were wise the other day when you were here in concluding that you should stay three or four days here next week before issuing your statement.

I have gone ahead and made as good arrangements as I could for you to meet these people. In doing that I have made perhaps a dozen appointments for you to be filled by the first or middle of next week. They are all with men of considerable influence whose support it would be worth any amount of trouble to obtain. It is therefore, almost a matter of absolute necessity for you to come at the very earliest moment

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possible during next week.

I am emphasizing this meeting because I know its importance and know that it should be emphasized. I have never seen a situation in Politics which presented more opportunities and possibilities but, it requires prompt and decisive action not only upon my part but also upon yours.

Yours very truly,

JMC/reb.

Enclosure: