

Milford, Iowa.,

April 25th, 1917.

Mr. J. F. Jaudon,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Friend:-

Yesterday I met Messrs. Floete and McCord in Spencer and I was with them all forenoon trying my best to get them interested with your plan and enterprise. I however soon found out that they were tied up with Mr. Hopkins an old man 72 years old, married to a young woman and if Messrs. Floete and McCord should suggest something different to him now at the beginning of the deal already made with you, that he and his wife would suspect that something was wrong in one way or another on account of the new turn of the contract. For this reason they said it would be impossible for them to do anything at present and on so short a notice. They also told me that they would not be financially able to take over the Hopkins interest at the present time, but which they may do later on by finding that your plans will be carried out. The prospect for drainage is good and meet their approval. By this I understand that the payment now due, or which soon will be would have much to do with them if paid promptly as Mr. Hopkins has the most invested.

When I explained to them, read your letter and pointed out on the way, showing them what is done and what will be done as to improvement, and told them that Florida, Dade County, Hopkin's tract and all of this country is a different Florida to-day than when they were down three years ago, they began to look at things a little differently. At that time they must have found the whole Hopkins tract under water, and that trip is still on their minds, and for this reason you got the land for the price you did. However Messrs. Floete and McCord realize that this tract has possibilities and a great future if handled rightly and by the right man.

To me it looks as the they are greatly interested, and that it is only a question of time, or their deal with Hopkins or partnership, which hinders them from not going in with you.

I also asked them if they would accept my note for \$5,000 for five years at the same interest you are giving. I told them I had perfect confidence in Mr. J. F. Jaudon and his undertaking and that I was willing to take \$10,000.00 in stock if my note would be taken and given the time I

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desired. In case you need it, it may be that I could arrange with them to take my note on this first payment which would help you that much.

I am sorry I could not do better with them, but I feel that I did my best for you and found out that we all have some snags to run up against and even found that Mr. Floety and Mr. McCord also have them.

If there is anything else I can do for you, I am here at your service and willing to do what I can for you by trying to sell stock or helping you in other ways.

The weather up here is bad, cold and rainy, but for all that I am glad to tell you that I am gaining in strength and that the asthma is not hard on me. When the weather changes I hope to gain every day. My trip home turned out to be far better than I had expected when I left you. I decided to take the sleeper and while I could not use the berth, the porter helped me by rigging me up with pillows in the smoking room, and supplied me with plenty of blankets.

I thank you very much for the kindness and interest you have shown me while in your city and hope that someday I can reciprocate the favors by the same kind courtesies to you.

Thanking you again, with kind regards to Mr. Cook, and wishing yourself and wife the best of success, I am.

Yours very truly,
C. Torstenson,

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