

Tallahassee Florida April 5th 1923.

Captain Geo. F. Cook, Sect.
Chevefier Corporation
Miami
Florida.

Dear Captain Cook:-

Yours 3rd inst received, enclosed please find signed note Southern Bank and Trust Co, as per your request.

Yes the argument of Shepperd is good, BUT the time for completion was predicated on the assumption that Lee County would have completed its part of the road up to Turner River within six months of the making of Resolution and that we could then take up our work (and as it was also assumed that Dade would reach our east line), that we could take up the work and prosecute it rapidly and complete in another four or five months, (working from both ends), and thus we could have completed within our time limit, BUT Lee county "lay down on the job completely" and as the contract imposed an impossibility on us AS TO TIME---NOT BY ANY LACK OF PERFORMANCE ON OUR PART, BUT LACK OF SAME ON THEIR PART, as we have been and are ready to perform when they have reached such a point as we can begin from the Lee County end, and to substantiate this is the SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE authorizing Special Road and Bridge District No. 3 of Lee County to issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000.00 to Make good, and this act RECITES THE RESOLUTION WITH ME, showing clearly that the Lee County Attorney continued to recognize this agreement, because it was personally explained to him that we were ready to begin "just as soon as we could reach the job", the bond was secondary to them.

Collier has employed everybody in sight, and the effort will be made to and is being now made to injure us as much as possible, in fact I would not be a bit surprized to learn that he would have Senator Malone attempt to ANNEX US to his new COLLIER COUNTY--thus controlling our destiny, it would be fatal to have this done, and we can only circumvent this by being added to a RICH COUNTY DADE--permitting Dade to issue ROAD BONDS ON OUR LANDS by creating a Special Road and Bridge District of our Lands only, and levying a SPECIAL TAX---WE WOULD PAY ALL OF IT--to build the road through our lands, THUS we could use our road money for further roads and improvements, I talked this over with Commissioner Red, and he is agreeable, as is Commissioner Coachman, just as soon as you get this letter get Mr. Red to go with you to Commissioner Bennett and Killian and secure their co-operation and support, then we can have our Representative Williard get the support of the Representatives from Monroe County, and Senators Maloney and Campbell and we can get this done by Legislative enactment, BUT DONT LET THIS GET TO BE

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PUBLIC at this time or Collier will SURE STEAL US from Monroe County or Monroe County will try and do this themselves, and THEY CANT SELL THE TIME WARRANTS, and DADE CAN AND WILL.

Note that Erban is "set" for the MOTORCADE---dont let them PASS WITHOUT GOING THRO MONROE COUNTY and get the press to STRESS this part of the trip. I note that they started again last week.

Also note that you have cut forces, and procedure, with operation and state of finances.

I wired Judge last night to come over here if possible and help me work out our salvation with this Legislature, that is if, and when, he has an agreement and money raised along lines on which he is working, so that we will be financed and can perform.

I had a talk with Warren of Key West--he would like Monroe County issue Bonds or warrants along lines written herein BUT MONROE CANT AND WONT SELL THEM, and the Warren is as is most of Key West absolutely in the hands of Senator Malone, and he will LET MALONE DO JUST WHAT MALONE WANTS, and Malone is a great friend of Collier's.

Have you heard from McGrary ?

Work quietly and surely, no publicity until we are ready.

Personal regards to you and Miami friends,

very truly yours.

J.F.Jaudon.