

Miami Fla July 18th 1924

Judge D.A. McDougal
Sapulpa
Oklahoma.

Dear Judge:-

Yours of 14th inst received--glad you received at least some of the clippings and maps forwarded to you in New York.

Have not written much as Mr. Atelson agreed to be the correspondent to keep you advised so that we would not duplicate the various "happenings".

Am quite ~~much~~ curious to know how your conferences with Mr. Barron Collier resulted---of course he said a great many nice things about me; he of course has lost sight of the fact that the only reason for my association with him was to the end that it would (in my opinion then) hasten the completion of Tamiami Trail in Lee (now Collier) Marco, and Duval counties---his acquiring the townships just north of us CHANGED HIM.

I have had quite a correspondence with those in Ohio who are "close to" Governor James M. Cox, and believe the Miami News-Metropolis has received some rather positive instructions on the subject of their objections to the bond issue.

There is no question but that if election was now that the Tamiami Trail \$125,000 item would carry by a very large majority, and I don't believe that anything can possibly occur to change this.

It was fortunate that I had the opportunity to entertain Captain W.D. Collier of Marco--he has done much to "strengthen his associates on the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County in the "speeding up of work" and joining with us at or about Section 3-T.S. 54 S. Range 32---it's also fortunate that we have Tom Frederic as county engineer of Collier County.

The "Editorial of Miami News-Metropolis" of July 1st was very libelous and J.M. Carson Esq. the best attorney in Miami on this subject says there are seven statements libelous, and injurious to Chevelier Corporation and to J.F. Jaudon---I shall take this up with you later.

Have two parties who desire to purchase large acreages from us but as I have not agreed with you on prices (each of them

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can and will, if they make purchases (make large payments) I have not gone deeply into the matter with them, and wont until you come down, I can hold them until that time.

I know you are busy with financial matters, if you desire any communication from me to Roland people please advise---they certainly are justified in purchase of road bonds---the bonus lands are worth as much or more than the cost of bond.

If you are not receiving the American Eagle from Estero, the Fort Myers Press, and Miami Tribune, Life, Post, and Herald (all good friends of our please advise and I will have them forward issues to you.

The enclosed clippings of articles by Geo E. Warren ,and also answer by me in "Public Pulse" Miami News-Metropolis is going to "shift" the battle ground a little, as Southern Drainage District and Larkin Civic Association id going to get after the "Miami Canal folks" in an effort to get the "dam" in Miami canal removed and a "dam" placed in the canal which is now spilling its waters in Tamiami Trail and really destroying the benefits of drainage of Southern Drainage District and creating the "VERY SITUATION" of which they complained last year and of which they will again complain this year when we have our extreme summer rains----I took an engineer out to Dam in Miami canal a few days ago and by the level and "on the level" the water was four feet one inch higher on north side of dam. This dam is forcing the water to the west and south over on us and down on the Tamiami Trail and into Tamiami Trail canal.

Sent you some maps to New York but am enclosing one of my latest which shows the situation better than any map which we have.

Will write you later, hope to hear your impressions of Collier conferance---am depending on the office keeping you advised of the essentials, and daily happenings----Coachman advises that within a few days work will start on repairs on Trail, and that HE WILL STRETCH out money as FAR as possible, I am with highest regards.

Sincerely yours