

Miami Fla. July 10th 1924

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher  
Washington  
D.C.

Dear Senator Fletcher:

I thank you very much for copy of your letter to Dr. Robert Ranson, and your keen interest in your effort to have him employed by the Department to report on the "peat deposits" of Florida, and as there seems to be a fund (due to your efforts) for this investigation I can not conceive of a portion of it being spent more profitably to Florida and Government, to better advantage than reports by Dr. Ranson.

We no doubt have the worlds largest deposit of this low grade fuel, and unlimited opportunities in the by-products from same.

The enclosed letter from Mr. H. K. Rodenbaugh, General Manager Florida East Coast Railway expresses a desire on his part for his Company to have all information on the subject.

The attached clipping under "caption" New Company seek 30 year Franchise is interesting as they desire to use peat from the Everglades as a fuel but they have no authentic information on the subject, as our Government reports deal with small deposits of this material found near the Great Lakes where physical, climatic, and the very nature of the deposits are against successful utilization, where-as these conditions do not exist in Florida and the deposits are many, many times greater and very much better.

Please secure appointment for Dr. Ranson as it means in my opinion much, to Florida and Government.

With highest regards, I am

Most truly yours

J. F. Jaudon.