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January 1st 1933.

Mr. W.H.Cralle
Washington D.C.

My Dear Mr.Cralle:-

Your letters of Dec.29th and 30th Ult received and noted fully.

I feared that unless we had the direct ear of the President or some one higher up than the ordinary that we would find hard sledding in the initial stages of our application.

Trust that Senator Fletcher with the aid of your friends and yourself will find a way.

Senator Fletcher is right, unless we can get entree and approval direct we must get the "approval" of the Florida CWA; this would be difficult as they are limited in the amount of money which is given them for distribution to the various counties for the several projects. BUT we can no doubt get the Florida Board to "approve in principal only"---this would carry the matter to those whom you are seeing now.

In-as-much as this is a National project and one which is as sound as a dollar in every sense of the word it may be that your efforts with Senator Fletcher and others will secure the loan without the "approval in principal only" of the State Board.

I am not writing Senator Fletcher seperately, nor am I wiring him as you can I am sure show him this letter; I know that Senator Fletcher realizes that my lifes work is tied up in this undertaking, that it is no "get rich quick" proposition; that it would be better for me were I not engaged in securing the loan and taking on an obligation which will entail much work but sure success.

Am not making any plans to go to Washington as Senator Fletcher and you can handle the situation there far better without me ; if however it is absolutely necessary for me to go to Tallahassee I could take the time from my cane mill, sugar cane plantings and operations here to aid you in getting the "approval (without appropriation) in principal only".

Trust that a way will have been found before your receipt of this letter.

My highest regards to Senator Fletcher as well as to your good self, I am,

Sincerely yours,