

Ochopee Florida  
January 9th 1934.

Mr. W. H. Crallé'  
Washington D. C.

My Dear Mr. Crallé':-

Enclosed please find two copies of my answer to yours of 8th inst; one copy for Senator Fletcher; I want you to assure the Senator that I know he is justified in asking for a reason for the lack of success of Hamilto Disston's and Pennsylvania Sugar Company's operations; I feel I have clearly shown the reason----PEAT LAND WILL NOT produce successive successful crops of sugar cane----Clayey Limestone land such as ours will and HAS, and IS doing so;; Captain Geo W. Storter, C. W. Watson and others including Seminole Indians have grown on these lands seventeen years of ratoon sugar cane, the last crop having around thirty tons to the acre, the analysis made by Dr. Stevens show a sugar cane of superior quality, high in sucrose and purity, which is not the instance with peat land nor thin sand land sugar cane.

I know we can and will conform to the requirements of R. F. C. I note with great pleasure that you have now the active support of Senator Park Trammell, please convey to him my grateful thanks; there is no man living who has a higher regard for Senator Trammell than I, he is my friend, he knows my labor, expenditures, efforts, on the one subject of producing sugar cane commercially in Florida along the Tamiami Trail; he knows that the delay in completing the Trail has also delayed the proving of these lands pronounced SUGAR CANE LANDS by the worlds best authorities; I simply had to wait until the Trail was completed; I waited: and then at a great personal sacrifice PROVED and AM PROVING DAILY that the sugar engineers were right; my mission now is to have large Centrals for sugar located on these lands, and then aid in having rail transportation provided from them to Miami; when this is done you, Senators Trammell and Fletcher as well as myself have done something really worth while for Florida and the Nation.

Surely a ruling can be made to cover our operations, I might suggest to make twenty loans of (say) \$50,000 each on twenty sections with one loan of \$50,000 to take up taxes and our outstanding obligations and put us immediately to work planting the seed cane which is now being converted into syrup, in other words make a blanket loan of \$50,000 or more immediately available taking as security the ten thousand acres of land, then advancing monthly \$50,000 for our operations taking a mortgage on a section (640 acres) the major part of, which would have been planted to sugar cane, the roads and improvements installed (of course each section successively would be released from the Blanket mortgage so that good first mortgage could be written given to secure the developed section of land.

Our proposition is so sound that we would not object to any reasonable safeguard as our desire is First--Give employment twelve months in the year to the Un-employed; Second---Develop a Florida and a National industry which does not now exist,--Third, Produce a staple commodity which is now being grown by foreign labor,--Fourth,--Supply all the year round homes for soldiers and sailors of wars of the United States.

I await with interest your progress, please convey to those who are assisting you my grateful thanks,

Sincerely yours,  
J. F. Jaudon.