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West Union Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of June 27th received, first let me thank you for your appreciation of my efforts in your and your associates interests in protecting the lands from waste and tax complications.

The saw-mill is located on Section 36 T.S.52 S.Range 30 E. This section is no doubt the heaviest timbered section of your original holdings (you recall the S.E.¼ was owned by Captain Geo. W. Storter and that I have had released from the operation of your mortgage the S.W.¼ and North Half) The owners of the saw-mill are Jeffrey Lumber Company and the operators of the mill are The Wildwood Lumber Co.---I sold them the timber on this and adjoining sections at \$1.00 per thousand for pine and a percentage of the mill sales price of cypress: the pine price was low but I realized that there would be no land sales out here soon, that it was expensive to establish a mill so far from market and transportation ~~hence~~ hence an inducement had to be offered as it is more than difficult to log the timber on account of the ~~many~~ rainy season conditions in the spring, summer and fall, and the further fact of the scattered timber growth. (except in isolated instances); I contracted to sell them the timber on Section 36-52-30---also 36-52-30---also 30-52-31, also 32-52-31 (the two latter sections are covered by your mortgage,

Since their mill was installed they have been cutting on Section 36-52-30 which is not covered by the mortgage; as the Collier Interest owned the surrounding Section--25-52-30---, 35-52-30 and 31-52-31 they arranged to cut this timber last winter; they are now cutting 31-52-31 (Collier's), when this is cut--it will take this small mill all summer and fall (handicapped as they are with rainy season) to reach either 30-52-31 or 32-52-31 against which you hold mortgage. Just as soon as they begin I will receive monthly checks from them which if you are agreeable (and I know you will be as it is absolutely obligatory to keep taxes paid on land from which timber is being cut) apply these moneys as follows---

FIRST---Payment of taxes on lands from which timber is being cut.

SECOND---Payment of taxes on lands against which individuals hold Tax Certificates.

THIRD---Payment to you on interest and principal of your mortgage.

All I can hope to accomplish under present conditions is to prevent you and myself from losing title to these lands by reason of Tax Deeds, which I have and am doing. If I get an opportunity to sell my equity so that you can secure a satisfactory compromise (cash) for your mortgage I will most certainly do so, and you must know that is what I am working for.

Am enclosing you a rough sketch of--A--Lands which I own or have had released from operation of your mortgage (shown in pink)
B--Lands against which you still hold mortgage, (shown in green).
C--Lands owned by Collier or other interests (shown in black)
D--Approximate location Tamiami Trail---no roads through property.
E--Location of saw mill and tram-road in Sect. 36-52-30.

If we have an early dry fall and winter we should sell enough timber to take care of taxes which embarrass. Sincerely yours,