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Captain James F. Jaudon

Miami, Florida.

No other single individual has done more toward the upbuilding of Dade County, as it stands today, with its splendid resort and residential centres, served for miles about with the finest of modern highways and with a constantly strengthening system of commerce and industry, than has Captain James F. Jaudon, of Miami. In that prime requisite of our civilization, transportation facility, his exertions have proved a vital force. Today Captain Jaudon is president of the Tamiami Railway and the Tamiami Trail Committee, is a member of the Ingraham Highway Association, and as a member of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, has contributed notably to that body's influence and efficiency in matters concerning public highways, and finance in general, on both of which subjects he is a recognized authority.

Much of the excellent automobile roadway afforded throughout Dade County has been in great part contributed directly by Captain Jaudon, who personally undertook the mean expense of the construction of the highway from Miami to the Allapattah schoolhouse. Again, at his own expense, he promoted the great Tamiami Trail project, and was a prime mover in the Ingraham Highway enterprise. The Chevelier Corporation, moreover, of which he is president, is at present bearing the entire expense of the construction of eighteen miles of the Tamiami Trail. For this operation the company has purchased more than thirty thousand dollars worth of road-making machinery and equipment.

Captain Jaudon, for the rest, is president of the Royal Palm Sugar Cane and Planting Company, Tamiami Railway, Chevelier

(owners of the largest solid acreage in southern Florida), the Consumers Power Company, and the Florida Rubber Company. He is a director in the Tamiami Trail Land Company, and treasurer of the Chatham Bend Company, and secretary-treasurer of the Sea Leather and Products Company, and head of J.F. Jaudon Realty Company. He is, in addition, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Everglades Development Association.

James Franklin Jaudon was born in Waco, Texas, October 19, 1875, son of Paul Benjamin and Frances M. (Shuler) Jaudon. His father was a descendent from French Huguenots, and his mother was a native of South Carolina. He came to Orlando, Florida, in early childhood with his parents, and was educated there in the public schools and with private tutors. He has since the age of fifteen been engaged in business of varied nature; having first worked as clerk in a mercantile house.

He came to Miami in 1895, and with a brother, Paul B. Jaudon, established the mercantile firm of Jaudon Brothers. Since that early day, when Miami had not even a railroad, Captain Jaudon has been one of the prime forces behind the great movement that has given us the Miami of today, and besides his association in all constructive, forward-looking movements of the community, is interested broadly in the commercial and financial activities of Miami and Dade County.

Captain Jaudon has devoted as much of his activities the past few years in developing the West coast as well as Miami. He associated himself with New York interests and purchased a very large acreage in what was then Lee County, which has since become Collier County, and also spent a great portion of his time in Fort

Myers and Naples, boosting for the development of these west coast cities.

It is said that there is not a township of land south of lake Okechobee, lying between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, which he has not personally inspected, and perhaps he knows more about that particular section than any man living; having explored same with Indian guides in canoes, when it was not possible to go over these lands by automobile, ox cart, or on foot.

His most recent venture is the purchase of 20,000 acres of land at or near Everglade, the county seat of Collier County, and has opened offices at 46 N.E. 1st St., Miami, Florida, for the resale of this land, by the Jaudon Realty Company.

Captain Jaudon, not being satisfied with the general information of the lands in southern Florida, employed some very competent agricultural and hydraulic engineers of national reputation to report on this area; among whom were Mr. S. Rodman Ginsberg, of Romano Central, Santa Domingo, the world's greatest sugar plantation, Mr. A.J. Greif, Vice President and General Manager of the ^(one of the largest sugar companies in the world) Haytal-American Sugar Company, and B.M. Hall, of the engineering firm of B.M. Hall & Sons, ~~xxxxxx~~ of Atlanta, Ga. who were in charge of some of the greatest engineering projects for the U.S. Government, and from reports made by these engineers and others, he predicts that the time will come when the clayey limestone or marl soils of southern Florida, will be thousands and tens of thousands acres of the best sugar plantations in the world.

Captain Jaudon was one of the organizers of Company L, Second Battalion, Second Infantry, of Miami, of which he has been

sargeant, lieutenant, and for four years, captain. He has also been captain and commander of Post Miami, F.N.G. Company M. Second Battalion of Infantry. He is today a senior captain of infantry, F.N.G. retired list.

Captain Jaudon is also a member of all branches of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Odd Fellows, Macabees, and Loyal Order of Moose.

He married, on November 22nd, 1911, Maude C. Jaudon, Mr. and Mrs. Jaudon have their residence at 321 North west Fourth Avenue, Miami. Captain Jaudon's business address is at 46 Northeast First Street.