

CHEVELIER CORPORATION

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THE FUTURE TOURIST AND AGRICULTURAL CENTER OF SOUTH WESTERN FLORIDA
ON THE

TAMIAMI TRAIL

THE GREAT CROSS STATE OCEAN TO GULF HIGHWAY

MIAMI, FLORIDA May 16, 1922.

Captain J.F.Jaudon,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Captain,

I am sorry I did not get to see you while here, and have waited two or three days, hoping you would get back or that I would learn something definite as to when you would return; but I am due at home now, and have decided that I had better go on home than to stay in an uncertainty.

There are several things I wanted to discuss with you, and I am sorry you were not here to meet our friends from Oklahoma. They seemed to be well pleased with what they saw, and say that they will go in with us; and while we have not closed up anything, nor signed any contract, I am confident that they will associate themselves with us, and I feel that with them in, the company is in better condition than it has ever been. In fact I feel that we are now past the danger of losing the property, and that the money for building the road is assured, as I will get enough out of the sale of half of my stock to go a long way towards supplying my half of the road money. Mr. Freeman was in the office this afternoon, and he says they are now building road at the rate of almost a mile and a half per month. If they continue at that rate, it will not take more than about four months longer to reach the Monroe county line, and we can have several miles of road built on our land by the first of the year, and should be able to begin selling land next winter. I feel that we have about crossed the ocean of doubt and uncertainty, and are in sight of land.

I wish you could have been with us on the trip across with the tractor. I know you would have liked our Oklahoma friends, and I was anxious for you to meet them. They are good fellows, and are fortunate enough to have some real money, and are not afraid to turn it loose,

Mr. Rolleston, who is a partner of Mr. Freeland, one of the men who came down, has all his life cherished an ambition to build a railroad, and he is able to build a road from here to the west coast, at Ft. Myers or Arcadia. I am of opinion that he can be induced to build a road where we want it, and I wanted to discuss this matter with you; and wish you could have met and talked with his partner Mr. Freeland, who, by the way, is able to build a railroad himself, if he wanted to.

I understand that you have taken a contract to build Lee county's part of the Tamiami trail. I am glad to know that some one has got hold of the proposition that will make things move, as it looked pretty discouraging the rate they were going when I was over there last spring.

I hope you have a good contract; one that will make you some money as well hastening the construction of the trail. I presume that you will have to take county warrants for your pay, as I understood last spring that there was but little money available at that time, considering the large amount of work to be done to build the Lee county part of the road. If it is true that you have to take your pay

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in county warrants, it may be difficult to get cash on the warrants, and it occurred to me that one of my Oklahoma friends might be of assistance in that matter. I have never mentioned it to any of them and do not know that it would suit any of them to do, but knowing that they will have plenty of money it just occurred to me that such an arrangement might be made, if you found it necessary or desirable.

It also occurred to me that you might need a tractor like the one I sent down for the Chevelier. If you do I would be glad to furnish one of the same kind, as Spalding-Swinney Co., in which I ~~was~~ am a stockholder have two more of these tractors, that they would like to dispose of, as they are no longer agents for the company, and would like to close out the ones they have on hand.

When you get back write me about these various things, and if you are interested in the propositions I have suggested I will be glad to do anything I can to assist you.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Your friend,

D. A. McDougal