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Capt. J. F. Jaudon,  
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*Separate*

Dear Captain:

There was another matter that I desired to talk with you about which I think is of great importance to the Chevelier Corporation, and I believe you can accomplish more than anyone else in getting Dade, Monroe, and Lee Counties to do what we want.

I think that these three counties should proceed to locate and establish the county lines between Lee and Monroe Counties and between Dade and Monroe Counties. This certainly should be done before we survey our tract of land.

As you know, our north line is the north line of Monroe County. If we hire surveyors and send them in there to survey and establish lines for our tract of land, and they find what they think to be the line between Lee and Monroe Counties, starting from that line as a basis, they proceed to survey and stake off the lands for thirteen miles south of that line into townships, ranges and sections and quarter sections without a county line having been first officially located and established by the proper authorities; then suppose five or ten years hence, Lee and Monroe Counties proceed to establish and locate the county line between said counties and they locate it a mile north or a mile south of where our surveyors supposed it to be, it upsets our entire survey and brings on innumerable complications affecting the title of lands and lots conveyed by the corporation to the purchasers of different parts of the tract.

Perhaps we will have sold land in Lee County that does not belong to us; or perhaps we will have sold land that is south of the southern line of our tract and that never belonged to us, and the numbers of the sections will all be mixed up until no one will understand where his land is or should be.

It seems to me that it is the imperative duty of Lee and Monroe Counties to locate their county lines at once for other reasons besides the one above given. How does Lee County know at what point to stop building its road until it knows where the county line is? How does Dade County know where to stop building its road until the line between Dade and Monroe County is established? Before any other surveying is done, it seems to me that these county lines should be located and established and marked by permanent iron markers at every mile along the line. If it is not done, everything will be done backwards. Will you not please take this matter up at once with the county commissioners of the various counties, and get them to give immediate



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attention to it?

Mr. Freeman told me last Tuesday, that he was making now about a mile and a half per month on the Dade County road work, and as they are only about six miles from the county line, it will be a very short time until this work is completed.

If you can get these county lines established without delay, we can proceed to survey and locate our part of the Tamiami Trail across the Chevelier tract, and locate, survey and plat the townsite and do a considerable portion of the permanent road work on the Chevelier tract and make a temporary road that will be passable from the end of the permanent road out to the townsite, and we should be able to begin selling both land and town lots next winter; but if we do, we will have to work very rapidly, as the time is so short and there is so much to be done between now and that time.

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I believe however, that we can do much by January or February, we can be ready to begin selling town lots and farm lands and not only make the proceeds of the sales furnish the money for future improvement work, but also begin to pay dividends.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest and tell me what you think of the proposition of getting the counties to locate the county lines, and what you think of the prospect of getting them to do it.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly your friend,

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