

TAMIAMI RAILWAY.
OCEAN TO GULF TRANSPORTATION.

Fort Myers Florida July 10th.22.

Judge D.A.McDougal.
Sapulpa Oklakoma.

Dear Judge McDougal:-

Referring to your letter(which I find upon my return from New York) in which you say Mr.Rollestone and Mr. Freeland might consider going into the actual construction of a cross state railway,I beg to say.

I have a living Charter from the State to construct a railway from Miami to Fort Myers,have franchises from the City of Miami and use of Municipal Ry.and Docks,have R/w and can secure concessions and grants which before Railway is complete will have a value to exceed cost of building the entire line.

My engineers figure a total distance of 150 miles cost including overhead and rolling stock ten thousand dollars per mile-Grade \$3000.00 Ties \$2000.00 Steel (65#)\$3000.00 Laying track and overhead \$1500.00 Rolling Stock\$500.00----- this would make a total of \$1 500.000.

My idea would be to build to Hialeah,and Penn.Sugar Company.extend west by south to Chevelier,thence North West to Imokalee at which point we will connect with A.C.L.R.R. and thence West to a most desirable point on on the Gulf at which point we have deep water and the location for a city such as Miami,with wonderful beaches,high lands,right down to an Inland Bay such as Biscayne Bay at Miami.with deep water 25 feet possible at a cost of less than \$150.000.

As I have said the land concessions will have a value of more than total cost,we would open up for shipment over two billion feet of cypress and pine timber,and run through the best agricultural,and stock farm,and sugar cane land in Florida

In my opinion it would not require over two hundred thousand dollars to put the proposition far enough along to carry itself with an enormous profit to completion,besides taking advantage of the great Flagler development on the East Coast and the Plant Development on the West Coast,and splitting the Miami Business with the F.E.C.Ry.and securing the Penn. Sugar Co.Business and the timber shipments,and along this line should in quick order be established America's great sugar cane plantations.

If ~~MY~~ your people are interested I can make it worth their while to go into this enterprize.

Faithfully yours