

Miami Fla. Feb 2nd 1924.

Mr. John S. Jones
Columbus
Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Jones:-

Have yours of 29th before, and note that Mr. Hartley was with you and that you talked over the Florida Naples railroad, and that after going East he will be in Naples until first of April, I note his enthusiasm, and I assure you Mr. Jones my letter to you under date of Jan 30th will give you an idea of my feelings in the matter.

Am attaching several clippings, all on the subject; could I suggest that you have Mr. W. R. Bonsal of Charleston S.C. (he is ~~Miner~~ member of the Seaboard's official staff) at the conference which you will have with Mr. David Warfield and Mr. Hartley in New York.

I have always felt that the Atlantic Coast Line was simply trying to (as you express it) pre-empt the frontage and rather "block" than aid any construction below Fort Myers or on to Miami, that is why I have so faithfully held on to my Charter.

As per your suggestion I will be in Naples on March 1st, and if you desire me there earlier I can be with you in fact I may join you in Jacksonville on Feb 11th, as I hope you will attend the joint meeting of operators and miners.

With highest regards, I am

faithfully yours