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to me for my files*

THE NAPLES IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES
OUTLOOK BUILDING COLUMBUS, OHIO

June 16, 1924.

Mr. J. F. Jaudon,
321 N. W. Fourth Ave.,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Jaudon:

Mr. Hartley handed me your letter of May 29, addressed to him at Naples, and asked me to make reply. Of course, Mr. Hartley would not consider entering into any private arrangement without at least first referring the matter to me.

I have not had time to read the newspaper clippings, but I have heard something about the move on the part of the Seaboard in connection with the building of the cross country line to Palm Beach. As I understand it, this matter is now in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission for their consent or otherwise. In the meantime, however, the Seaboard people have gone ahead in arranging for the construction of the line. I do not see how the Interstate Commerce Commission can refuse to let them go on, but I guess Mr. Warfield has been so busy with this arrangement that he has not had time to decide some other matters that he has had under consideration.

In the meantime, the Atlantic Coast Line has let two contracts that will carry the Fort Myers Southern Railroad to a connection with Collier county which is about a mile south of Bonita Springs, and they have five or six miles of grade already made, and from all the information I can get they expect to have the line built by the first of December. I have not been able to get an expression out of them in regard to the extension of the line to Naples and on, but rumor has it down there they will immediately build on into Naples.

Of course you know that Collier carried everything before him at the primary election at Everglades, and while I would have been glad to have seen some of our people elected, I do not look at the matter in a serious way at all, as I cannot figure out anything that Collier can do to help himself, that will not eventually help The Naples Improvement Company, and with a road into Naples a reasonable time before the next election, which I understand is about two year hence, Naples would have more residents than all of the places below put together.

Of course, it was a great mistake for Crayton and Wilkinson to allow a lot of property to be sold for taxes in and around Naples. I understood from Crayton and Wilkinson last week that they had succeeded in redeeming a part of the lots. I note you say there are several more lots that have been sold for taxes and which you would like to redeem, and that another party would like to be interested in a few of these lots.

I would not want to go into a proposition of this kind without a little better understanding between you and me as to just what should be the outcome, but if you will write me just what you are willing to do, in order that there may be no misunderstanding hereafter, I would be glad to consider furnishing the

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necessary funds to handle the matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. J. Jaudon", written in dark ink.

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