

THE NAPLES IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES  
OUTLOOK BUILDING COLUMBUS, OHIO

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

Dear Mr. Jaudon:

I received your letter in regard to certain lots in and around Naples and wired you per attached copy.

I also have your letter of June 24, calling my attention to an advertisement for the sale of land by the State of Florida in Hendry and Collier counties, and enclosing a map, etc.

I do not think the lots you mention in this letter would be of any benefit to us at this time, but I do think the lots we wired you about should belong to The Naples Improvement Company if we can secure them through the tax titles.

I think you understood what I meant in my telegram when I said I would favorably consider you and your friend in the transaction. As the outcome of matters of this character is rather uncertain, I thought the suggestion in the telegram was the best way to handle the matter.

Hartley and his engineer, Cambier, are coming through here about the fifteenth or twentieth of July, for the purpose of a conference here regarding all matters pertaining to the further development of Naples. I have already O. K'd their plans and specifications for an annex to the present hotel at Naples, and several other buildings that we propose to go ahead and build, and now I am wondering how to go about the further and more permanent development of Naples, figuring on a railroad connection with the Atlantic Coast Line at Fort Myers, which means, of course, the completion of the present Fort Myers Southern Railroad into Naples in the early part of 1925. Assuming that the railroad connection will come about within the time mentioned, shall we put into effect our municipal corporation at Naples, securing the services of experts in the new work of developing the place, etc?

Now that the Seaboard people are equipped to go ahead with their cross-country road, what effect will that, and the fact that we are assured a railroad connection at Naples, have on the people of Miami with respect to the building of a line from Miami to Naples?

I understand that Mr. Fisher has made some wonderful strides in the development of Miami, or rather the addition which he has built, including his hotel, etc., and I am wondering whether we could interest Mr. Fisher over at Naples and how to go about it. If I were twenty-five years younger, I would not hesitate to go ahead, depending on my ability to carry the scheme through, but having passed my seventy-fifth birthday, I hesitate about going into these schemes that naturally require more time, and on that account am sort of looking for some live, go ahead business man or men to join me. Have you any suggestions or ideas? If so, I would be glad to have your views concerning these matters.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours

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