

TAMIAMI RAILWAY

Ocean to Gulf

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
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MIAMI, FLA.

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Mr. John S. Jones
Columbus
Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

Yours of 15th inst. received in which you advise that you are leaving for Washington on an auto trip to be gone about ten days.

I wrote you quite fully yesterday addressing my letter to your Columbus offices in regard to a conference I had with Mr. H. H. Rodenbaugh, General Manager of Florida East Coast Railway---I trust this letter has been forwarded to you and that you have same before you.

Mr. H. W. Rodenbaugh is spending a short time at Pocono Manor Inn---Pocono Manor P. O. Monroe County Pennsylvania, it may be possible that your motor trip will take you to or near this point, and it may be equally possible that you may meet him---I am quite sure the Florida East Coast Railway is our "best bet" as they resent the Seaboard's new lines to the East Coast.

I note with pleasure what you say Mr. Hartley reports in reference to the cypress people---Messrs. J. C. Oakford and J. Wade Tucker of the Everglade Cypress Co (really Hibbard Cypress Co of Philadelphia Pa.) are going to buy this "Big Cypress" and I am quite sure they will give a considerable donation of lands (after the timber is cut) if they can be assured transportation, but delay really leaves the matter open for them to deal with Collier or the Atlantic Coast Line, and I understand they do not desire to trade with them unless all other avenues are impossible.

Really it strikes me as an unusual opportunity to "talk turkey with the Florida East Coast Railway" as they have taken the initiative in the matter and are really interested---I do not believe that any real construction should start until after election, but real plans should be made at as early a date as possible.

Am in touch with the authorized representatives of Government in the matter of the Arcadia--Carlstrom Field Branch---this will make easy and cheap the entrance into Arcadia if this short line is acquired by us.

With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

J. F. Jaudon.