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Mr. C. H. Hartley, Vice President
Naples Improvement Company
Naples
Florida.

Dear Mr. Hartley:

Mr. R. A. Coachman, Jr. and I arrived home safely, after a visit to Arcadia, (Carlstrom Field Ry.), Sarasota, Tampa etc---we enjoyed our trip and gained much valuable information.

I have your letters of Sept. 18th/25th, and Oct. 1st before me.

Have received letter from Ho. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State that Tamiami Railway papers are in form, and map of new line has been filed with all papers in his office of this railway.

Mr. P. C. Taylor, our attorney has been north since Sept. 10th and will not return to Miami until about Oct. 15th---he is preparing our applications for " Corporation financing, and construction permit, and Certificate of convenience and necessity" to make and file with Interstate Commerce Commission, but I do not desire him to file same until we know just what concessions, grants, etc we would receive from the points served by the railroad; our financing would also have to be set forth; of course the Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line and Florida East Coast railways have their eyes on the situation---and they may set up that if we intend to construct from Arcadia to Miami that we have chosen the longer route, that we invade the territory between Fort Myers and Naples etc, etc..

In your letter of Sept. 25th you suggest that Mr. Rodenbaugh, General Manager of Florida East Coast Ry. visit Naples and the West Coast, you also suggesting this to Mr. Jones---I cant beleive that the F. E. C. Ry. have any desire to construct, but I do think they realize the importance to them of having a working arrangement with us, as the Seaboard will surely enter Miami, and delivery of the millions of crates and boxes of vegetables, and fruits which will just as surely be produced on line of Tamiami Ry. will be a great factor and revenue to the line ~~having~~ at Miami having a working arrangement with Tamiami Ry. thus they are interested.

I shall of course urge Mr. Rodenbaugh to visit Naples, you and the West Coast along the line suggested by you.

Mr. Jones writes that he will on 15th inst visit Washington, New York and Eastern points; I wrote him fully today.

In your letter of Oct. 3rd you refer to letter written by Ivar Axelson, he is a son-in-law of Judge McDougal one of the principal

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stockholders with me in Chevelier Corporation, and of course is looking for "listings" for himself on West Coast properties, thank you for the information.

I did not take occasion to visit with either Mr. G. Wade Tucker, Mr. J. C. Oakley, nor Mr. Armstrong while on my motor trip to the West Coast as they seemed to have no special desire to see me nor Mr. Coachman; I guess they will buy this timber.

Do not believe they have any reason to fear Collier County taxes, as Mr. Barron Collier will surely see that values are kept down on wild lands, and nobody knows much about the timber except the cruisers employed by Tucker et al, and the writer who also desires that wild land values be kept at the minimum.

The Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line, and F. E. C. Ry. all seem to be anxious to "corner" the railroad situation from Miami west to the West Coast-----I only wish we could see our way clear to give out a DEFINATE POLICY-----it would only be a few days until we would have our CONNECTION.

Sincerely trust that Mr. Jones will talk "straight rom the shoulder" to Mr. David Warfield, and to Mr. Harry Walters on his trip East.

Personal regards, in which I am joined by Mr. Coachman, I am

Yours truly

JFJ/n/

J. F. Jaudon.