

**THE SUNDAY GREEK COAL COMPANY**

OUTLOOK BUILDING  
COLUMBUS, OHIO      April 2nd, 1923.

JOHN S. JONES,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mr. J.F. Joudon,  
c/o Leon Hotel,  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Mr. Jaudon:

I have talked here with Garber and wired Walters and received his reply as per the attached copies. I also enclosed copies of these messages to Crayton at Naples and to get letter before leaving Naples, so Crayton may be a day or so late before leaving for Tallahassee. I expected to see Garber here today, but he is out of the city and will be back tomorrow. My thought now is not to start him to Tallahassee until I get a wire from you suggesting if you think best that he come there. He has offered to help in any way he can so let me have a night letter from you as soon as this letter reaches you and above all things, do not show telegrams or any communications between us excepting if you think best to some of your friends, but do not leave any data leave your hands.

I think you should know about this matter in order to see what the Atlantic Coast Line people are doing at Tallahassee. While Walters says they never take active part in such matters, we know they never work out in the open, but you can find out very soon by finding out what some people are doing there that you know to be friendly and working in the interest of the Atlantic Coast Line.

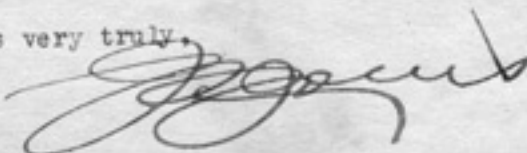
Collier has sent out word through Judge Wilkinson that he has a satisfactory understanding with the Atlantic Coast people. This telegram from Walters would not bear out that statement. Perhaps Crayton can tell better after he has talked with Alderman in Ft. Myers and that is one of the things we should find out at once as to where the railroad people are going to throw their influence.

Now that you are in the fight, let's go to it to the finish and dont let's talk so it will get to Collier, because I would rather be beaten outright than to agree to let him have the temporary county seat.

I expect to be here all this week and would be glad to hear from you after you have canvassed the situation and gone over the ground with Crayton after he gets there.

In confidence to you, I also enclose you copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Allen W. Jones, President of the East & West Coast Railway. His interest of course is entirely with the Seaboard and the Southern, and you will understand just how to handle the matter after he meets you in Tallahassee as I have suggested.

Yours very truly,



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March 31, 1923  
Wilmington N.C.

C O P Y

J.S.Jones,

Outlook Bldg.,

Columbus, O.

Have your telegram. We never take active part in questions of this kind. We would of course greatly prefer to see the county seat at Naples. Am off on an inspection trip will not be back in new York for two weeks.

H.Walters.

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H. Walters,  
Chairman of the Board,  
Atlantic Coast Line,  
71 Broadway  
New York N.Y.

From information received while in the south am satisfied it has been decided to divide Lee County Collier wants county seat at Everglade We want it at Naples I believe it would be to interest of your company to have it located Naples. Will letter mailed Saturday reach you before you leave or if you prefer I will see you.

John S. Jones

April 2, 1923.

Mr. Allen W. Jones, President,  
East and West Coast Railway,  
Bradentown, Florida.

Dear Mr. Jones:

In going over papers that I brought back in my satchel here today, I came across your address which brings to my mind the very pleasant visit I had with you on the train. I am dropping you a line so you may have my address before you, thinking perhaps you may have some further suggestions to offer in connection with the matters we discussed.

I believe I told you that Barron Collier, who has bought up large tracts of timber in and around the Everglades, is now seeking to have Lee county divided, and a new county seat located at the Everglades. We think if there is to be a division of Lee county, and no doubt there will be in time, that it ought to go to Naples, and, in this connection, some of our people who think as I do have arranged to go to Tallahassee and endeavor to present the facts to the legislators.

If Naples is to have a railroad, which I think it is entitled to, no matter whether the Atlantic Coast Line builds it or other interests, it would be better to have the county seat located at Naples than to carry it off down into the timber, where we would have to wait many years to see the result of taxes paid in that locality and money used at and around the county seat.

It would be all very well for the promoters, who are endeavoring to get the assistance of the state and other authorities to develop their project, but it does not seem to me to be the proper way to go about it, and I take the liberty of bringing the matter to your attention again, believing you could be of valuable assistance to us in getting the county seat if there is to be any division at this time.

I believe I mentioned Mr. J. F. Jaudon to you in our talk, and told you he held a charter for the Tamiami Railway from Miami to Ft. Myers. He is working in harmony with me and is now located at the Leon Hotel, Tallahassee, Florida. I am writing him there today and will take the liberty of bringing your name to his attention. I believe it would be worth while for you to have a good talk with Mr. Jaudon on the matters we discussed. He is one of the best posted men I have found in Florida and is very much interested in securing help to build the Tamiami Railway.

I will probably go to Washington in about ten days or

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two weeks, and I am wondering whether it would be a good plan for me to call on the Southern Railway people while there, or whether I had better go see Mr. Warfield first.

I will be very glad to have any further suggestions in connection with this matter that you have in mind, and, as I said above, I believe it worth your while to meet Mr. Jaudon in Tallahassee and go over the situation with him. He is very much in favor of the idea of a connection something on the lines that we talked.

If you want to know anything more about me, I believe both Dun's and Bradstreet's give The Sunday Creek Coal Company their highest credit, and I can only say that I own every share of the stock myself and have no bonds, and if there is anything further you want to know, I will be glad to have you write direct to Mr. Ralph Van Vechten, First Vice President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, where I have been doing business for the past forty years.

In the meantime, I will be glad to hear from you here at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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