

## TAMIAMI RAILWAY

*Ocean to Gulf*

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

J. F. JAUDON

321 N. W. FOURTH AVE.

MIAMI, FLA. Oct. 23rd 1924

Mr. John S. Jones  
Columbus  
Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Just a few more "clippings" relative to Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr's visit to Miami and his "announcement" of proposed plan of himself and Mr. Barron Collier building a railroad from Fort Myers to Miami.

Please note also that Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Sr. says it was "all news to him that his son was contemplating building a rail-road across the Everglades.

Please note also that Mr. Vanderbilt Jr. also called on Governor Hardee of Florida at Tallahassee.

While he was in Miami Mr. Geo. E. Merrick of Coral Gables was with him---you re-call I wrote you that I felt assured that Mr. Merrick would join with us, I also expressed the opinion that we could also secure Mr. Carl G. Fisher and Mr. Fred. H. Rand, all ~~of which~~ have large interests here at Miami, and each of them well able to give the project substantial backing.

Mr. Merrick expressed a desire to my brother-in-law Mr. R. A. Cochman to see me and have a conference about the cross-state railroad---I have not done so as I did not want to "cross-wires" with anything you may have planned or arranged.

I trust that your trip to Washington and New York has resulted in good to our plans for the Tamiami Railway.

Personal regards, I am

Most sincerely yours