

TAMIAMI RAILWAY

Ocean to Gulf

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
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Mr. John S. Jones
Columbus
Ohio

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of October 23th, and note with great interest what Mr. Walters of The A.C.L. Line and Mr. Warfield of the Seaboard have to say on the railroad situation from Miami to Fort Myers, I thank you for this information.

Sorry you did not see Mr. Collier or get a committal from him; I note that he has ordered rails and expects to build or rather re-build his line from Everglade to Deep Lake; I guess it will not be long until he announces that he will extend on to Immokalee, to connect with the A.C.L. at that point.

We are going to build from Miami to some desirable point on the Gulf Coast and then on to our connections at Arcadia.

Of course it has always been my desire to have Naples that Gulf Coast outlet, and if you will confirm the proposition of just how many lots or what percentage of your holdings at Naples you will grant conditioned on a railway being built within a given time from Miami to Naples I can submit same to my associates..

If we guarantee you railroad connections with Miami on or before three years from January 1st, 1925 will you convey to us title in fee and clear title to the fourteen hundred acre tract just north of Naples? you re-call this is the acreage which Mr. Crayton was to let me purchase one sixth interest in.

On January 3rd 1923 I sent you by registered mail original Charter of Tamiami Railway,, Certificates from Hon. H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State of Florida, City Clerk of Miami Fla, and Certificate from Clerk of Circuit Court Dade County as to 10% of capital stock being paid; will you kindly have your secretary return these and other documents which I furnished you that you do not need.

I feel quite confident of the success of my plans, and it certainly pains me that you could not take the lead in consummating them, at any rate we secured the A.C.L. Ry. to Bonito, and I note with pleasure that if necessary you will build a short line railway of your own from Naples to connect with them at Bonito Springs.

With kindest regards, I am

JFJ/m

Sincerely yours