

OKLAHOMA UNION RAILWAY COMPANY  
OKLAHOMA-SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY  
MIAMI MINERAL BELT RAILROAD COMPANY

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
408 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

December 28th, 1924.

O. M. SEWELL  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

IN REPLY REFER TO FILE

Mr. J. F. Jaudon, President,  
Tamiami Railway,  
321 N. W. Fourth Avenue,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of November 20th, to Mr. J. A. Frates, Vice President of this Company, regarding your Tamiami Railway project - reply to which has been delayed pending the clearance of more pressing matters.

Our people sent representatives to Miami during the early part of 1923, to investigate this, or a similar project. They went over parts of the proposed route - and looked into the matter generally. Their reports were interesting but nothing was accomplished that warranted our people going ahead and the matter was dropped.

You appear to have made considerable headway with the railway matters since our representatives were there; and from your statements, the proposition seems to be rounding to in very good shape; the fly in the ointment, as we see it, being possible competition of Vanderbilt and Collier - whom, we have seen through press reports, are reported to already have purchased quantities of construction materials - supplies and motive power and other equipment, for their proposed line - However, and regardless of the plans and intent of that crowd; you seem to have a fairly tight grip on the situation and ought, we think, to be able to form a satisfactory alliance with them, or failing in that; thwart their scheme sufficiently to ward off the construction of a closely paralleling line, or one that would otherwise be a dangerous competitor.


Our people are favorably impressed with the railway project - but know from actual experience that, at best, there is not much money to be made these days in building new railroads - The real money making opportunities lies in developing the territory to be traversed - therefore they would not be interested in joining in the railroad alone - but if they could get in on a ground floor basis on the general development along the route, and at the terminals I think they would consider doing so, at any rate if you

think something along that line could be worked out let me know; as fully as you can, and we may be able to get together on matters.

Neither Mr. Slick, nor Mr. Frates, bother with preliminarys - we would have to thrash out the details and boil matters down before the would give the matter any serious consideration.

Our good friend, Judge. D. A. McDougal, wrote Mr. Frates, regarding this matter, about the same time you did; Under the circumstances, and in view of his interests in this and other matters in that territory we are sending him a copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "O. M. Sewell".

Assistant to Vice President.

c/y

Honorable. D. A. McDougal, Vice President,  
Chevelier Corporation,  
Miami, Fla.

OMS-s.