

January 6, 1925

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Oklahoma & Union Ry.
Executive Department,
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Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Sir:

With pleasure I acknowledge receipt of yours of December 28th. in answer to our letter addressed by me to Mr. J.A. Frates, Vice President of your Company, regarding the Tamiami Railway.

I am very sorry that Mr. Slick did not go into this proposition more fully with me when he was in Miami during the early part of November, 1923. However, I think now is the opportune time to act; at that time I could have only given him generalities.

I am now enclosing copy of a letter written by me to Mr. John S. Jones, Columbus, Ohio, which at least outlines very clearly our proposition.

I note that Mr. Slick nor Mr. Frates bother with preliminaries or details, but this proposition is far beyond the preliminary and detail stage. I spent considerably over \$100,000 in getting together all manner of information and details data regarding engineering, and also rights and franchises, which can be covered at this time by a personal, rather than by a preliminary investigation.

Also note what you say about the Cornelius Vanderbilt and Collier railway to parallel the Tamiami Railway. I do not think this is at all probably. They have not applied for charter; they have made no surveys. I have given Mr. Collier the benefit of much of the Tamiami Railway data, but I feel confident that it ~~it~~ will be a long time in the future before they contemplate any actual construction - in fact before they intend approaching the subject with the actual idea of construction. In our construction, I feel with proper financing, that we can receive the active cooperation of both Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Collier. It was my pleasure to have a conference with Mr. Vanderbilt, and as Judge McDougal no

doubt told you, I was associated with Mr. Barron Collier for eighteen months.

I feel that my proposition is one that has merit and deserves consideration, at the earliest possible moment. I will be very happy to go into further details with Mr. Slick or Mr. Frates.

It was my pleasure to have a conference with Mr. C.L. Freedland, President of the Roland Oil Company of Bristol, Okla. who was in Miami a few days ago. I however, did not go into the details of the Tamiami Trailway with him, but as you know he is financially interested with us in the Chevelier Corporation, and I feel sure has a very definite opinion as to the financial success of the Tamiami Railway when constructed.

I feel that construction of the Tamiami Railway offers to you and your people a greater opportunity than can be found anywhere else in America. I will be most happy to go into conference with you and your people at the earliest possible moment.

I am,

Very truly yours,

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