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OFFICE OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMISSION

MIAMI, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

April 3, 1917.

Board of County Commissioners,
of Dade County,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sirs:-

I am enclosing a proposition which I would ask that you accept and also adopt the resolutions attached thereto.

The proposition is one that is of vital importance to Miami and Dade County by reason of the fact that this railroad from Miami to the West, into a section that is being so rapidly developed by the construction of the Tamiami Trail and Tamiami Trail Canal, together with Snapper Creek Canal and the further excavations or canals that will be made by the creation of Special Drainage Districts, as well as the general state reclamation project. In fact, the building of this railroad from Miami, west, is going to develop, no doubt, one of the richest agricultural sections in the State of Florida, and the deepening and widening of the Tamiami Trail Canal will immediately furnish water transportation to those who settle along the route of same, and this will create one of the most novel, interesting and useful transportation systems as the Tamiami Trail Right of Way will be, on the North, a railway, in the centre a deep transportation canal, and on the south a hard-surfaced macadamized road-way.

In addition, this railroad is sure to be extended to the west coast, and no doubt a connection will be made with the A.C.L. which is building from Seabring, south to the southern part of Lee County.

I assure you that the gentlemen I represent in this matter are amply able to carry the proposition of building this railroad to a successful conclusion. While no charter has been granted, the Tamiami Trail Corporation, it will be backed by some of Dade County's best citizens, as well as ample capital from the north and west.



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I call your particular attention to the following gentlemen who are interested in this proposition by reason of the fact that they are also interested in the development of a large acreage of land on the west coast:--Franklin Floete, President Citizens National Bank, Spencer, Iowa, J.H. McCord, Cashier Citizens National Bank, Spencer, Iowa, A.W. Hopkins, capitalise, Illinois, C. Torstensen, Vice President First National Bank, Milford, Iowa.

I simply name the above gentlemen to you for the reason that I wish to assure you that our proposition is a bonafide one and that if you grant the franchise asked for by us, we will unquestionably make good and it will only be a short time before a railroad will lead west from Miami to the Gulf Coast.

I ask that you act on this resoltuion today for the reason that we wish to assemble our interests immediately and proceed with the work.

Very respectfully,

JFJ/HH