

April 28, 1926.

Mr. J. V. Burke,
Tax Agent,
413 Masonic Building,
Jacksonville, Fla.

My dear Mr. Burke:-

Thank you for your wire in answer to my night letter to you on the 25th instant. Same was read to the open forum meeting held by the Miami Chamber of Commerce together with other wires, one from John S. Jones, President of the Naples Improvement Company, and from other large land owners of Collier County.

I am enclosing clippings giving the account of the meeting held at Miami, Florida, on Monday night, April 26th, which gives a full account of just what was done. I know we had to fight the devil with fire and I used the best grade of fire I had on hand. I know you will be interested in the newspaper accounts of the meeting.

Could I suggest that you wire the Chamber of Commerce at Miami that you will subscribe \$1,000.00 more to complete the Monroe and Collier County ends of the Tamiami Trail at the earliest possible moment. Really no such subscription is needed because Collier County has \$16,000.00 or more to take this present end down to the Monroe County line; Monroe County has \$200,000.00 to complete their 16 miles of the Tamiami Trail and there are funds on hand for Dade County sufficient to repair its portion of the Trail, so that same can, within four months be made travelable and usable to the public, and the State Road Department can at a later date bring this road up to its usual high standard of highway, but the public want the use of the Tamiami Trail at once. We cannot get it if we let Barron C. Collier and Governor John W. Martin and the State Road Department dictate the policies of its completion and final construction.

With personal regards.

Yours very truly,

JFJ'DA
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newspaper clippings.