

June 1, 1918.

Mr. F.E. Harrison.,  
Fort Myers, Florida.

My dear friend and Sir:

Hurrah for the Seminole Trail in connection with the Tamiami Trail on January 12th 1919!! I am heartily in accord with anything that will be about a cross state road from Miami to Fort Myers for I have been working for nearly three years now and I believe, like yourself, that the general public will lose faith in Dade and Lee Counties if they cannot travel by auto from Miami to Fort Myers on January 1st, 1919. Thousands and thousands of people have been promised this trip. Hundreds and thousands of automobiles will make the trip when it can be done. I do not think that you are undertaking anything impracticable, in fact I believe the Seminole Trail is practical and that ultimately it will be a hard surfaced road and you can rest assured that I am as much or more in favor of the Seminole Trail if it can be made passable by January 1st than any man in Florida and I say ~~that~~ from the bottom of my heart to you and your associates "go to it".

However, it might also result in Fort Myers seeing the light to help the Special Road and Bridge Tax District No. 1 (which Fort Myers is not embraced in) to finish the hard surfacing of its part of the Tamiami Trail, and Special Road and Bridge Tax District No. 3 (in which Fort Myers is not embraced) to complete and hard surface its part of the Tamiami Trail. The owners of these lands south of Fort Myers have mortgaged their lands for \$302,500 (\$177,500 and \$125,000 respectively) to being the Fort Myers thousands of winter visitors, home seekers, investors and people from all over the world to see Fort Myers, invest in Fort Myers and make their home in Fort Myers, and it would look a little ungrateful to promote a new road from Fort Myers to Miami and forget what the people of Bonito Springs, Estero, Naples, Marco, Everglade, Chokoloskee and ~~the~~ the owners of lands in these two Special Road and Bridge Tax Districts have done, but we want THE CROSS STATE ROAD FROM MIAMI TO FORT MYERS. In other words it must be made possible to travel by auto from Miami to Fort Myers this coming winter. It does seem however that with \$302,500 already spend or available

and with an additional \$125,000.00 which could be easily made available and with the multitude of benefit that Fort Myers and Lee County would receive the Tamiami Trail as originally planned can be constructed.

I have been under a surgical operation since April 20 and will not be out of the hospital for several weeks to come, hence I have not had the opportunity to send you the pictures or write you, but you can rest assured that I am heart and soul in favor of an auto road from Miami to Fort Myers and sick or well I shall lend all assistance possible.

Kindest personal regards,

Very truly,

JFJ:NH