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"A state oldest in white settlement and newest and best in modern development—a state with a rare blending of the old and the new. A state where the products of the Temperate Zone and the Semi-Tropics meet on common ground, and intermingling reach their highest perfection. A state abounding in assets of pure air, good water, generous sunshine, ample rainfall, and twelve full months in each year to grow grain, grass, root and fruit crops and live stock. A state with gentle and healing winds bearing balsam from the pines and salt air from the seas. A state fast becoming the all-year-round playground, health resort and income producing region of the nation. A state to which the world is invited to come and study and enjoy, and by staying prolong life in comfort. A state to which the tourist and homeseeeker can come in any month of the year."—By Pat Murphy.

Are you here? Will you come?

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I want to repeat my condemnation of the Miami Chamber of Commerce communication and resolutions to the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County.

I assert that moneys have not been apportioned for ~~the~~ roads throughout Dade County without due regards to the needs of ~~each~~ such, and the Chamber of Commerce were not justified in saying or inferring that same was the case.

I believe that each item of the proposed ~~the~~ or coming bond proposition has been carefully gone into by the Board (far more carefully than ~~the~~ by the Chamber of Commerce) and that while all might be important that the most important item is the proposed issue of \$125,000 for resurfacing and finishing the Tamiami Trail.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Hon. R. E. McDonald, Mr. L. T. Higleyman and myself were appointed in 1917 by the then Board of County Commissioners of Dade County as a board to be known as "County Commissioners Commission Miami ~~XXXXX~~ to Marce (Tamiami Trail) Highway"; we have and are serving in that capacity; I have been the most active because altho at the inception of this great project I did not own a single of land on the "Trail" I have since acquired equity in something like a quarter of a million acres, my life time earnings and savings ~~the~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ or the major part of same are invested and staked on the success of this project, in other words I BELIEVE IN IT.

The construction of the Trail has been a "big job" much larger than ANY OF US thought at its inception, but Dade County has been benefitted largely already by the project which not only carried the Trail itself but the "H-al Canal Highway" along which has sprung up the town of Hialeah, and farther up the Pennsylvania Sugar Company---both made possible by the Tamiami Trail as the Trail Bond issues constructed the County roads leading to each.

Since the beginning of the construction of the Trail over a hundred thousand acres of land has been sold by the State along the Trail which land has gone on the Tax books at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ valuation of more than half a million dollars, in addition to increased tax values of lands already on the Tax Books---at least a million dollars added tax values, earning in annual taxes over fifty thousand dollars per year to the various funds of the County (General, Fine and Forfeiture, Schools etc, etc,)

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The interest on the bonds \$350,000 at 6% equal \$21.00 annually