

May 20, 1918.

Supervisors of the
Napoleon B. Broward Special Drainage District,
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, AND
Supervisors of the Southern Special Drainage District,
Miami, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Attaching herewith copy of our letter to you under date of May 21st. and acknowledging receipt of your reply, and also attaching herewith the proposition referred to by us, in the shape of a contract, which has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Tamiami Railway and which we are ready to enter into with you when you have given same your consideration and approval.

We assure you that in the matter of the conditions of this contract, that the interests of the Napoleon B. Broward and Southern Drainage Districts, from a drainage and financial standpoint has been closely and carefully considered by us, as our own interests for the reason that the interests of your drainage district and the interests of the Tamiami Railway are mutual. You want to drain the lands of your district and our railway wants these lands drained so that great crops of fruit and vegetables, farm and field crops, including cattle hog and other stock, can be produced on the lands of your District, thereby giving our railway a revenue from transportation charges.

Our interests are mutual, for if the land is not drained and made fit for cultivation it has no producing value to you or to owners of the lands in your Districts and though it were drained and the lands had no transportation facilities, their value would not be so great as would be the case if we could accomplish both drainage and transportation facilities.

To us--it means for us to run our Railway through and undrained, uncultivable and non-producing area; that we are deprived of a revenue from transportation that we need and one we can make possible by complete co-operation with you.

We are attaching hereto a brief statement of the facts, as they effect both you and ourselves and we

trust you will agree with us and lose no time in signing the contract submitted to you.

We have a Bay City Walking Dredge at the factory ready for shipment and we can at once put same to work (and we can perhaps add a second dredge at a very early date). There is no legal reason why you should not enter into this contract with us at once and let us proceed with the work for you.

Very respectfully,

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TAMiami RAILWAY

By _____
President.