

State of Florida,

County of Lee.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared John E. Morris, to me well known, and who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, and on the 10th day of March, 1923, the affiant with the four other members of the County Commissioners, the County Engineer, the Clerk, and the Attorney for the Board went to Useppa Island as the guests of Mr. Barron G. Collier at Tarpon Inn ostensibly for the purpose of discussing the problem of constructing the Tamiami Trail; affiant further says that while there he was called to one side by the said Barron G. Collier, who brought up the matter of County Division, and the affiant in the course of said conversation told the said Barron G. Collier he was afraid that in case he got his County that the officials might be antagonistic to him and that he might become disgusted and stop all developments and that we would not get the Tamiami Trail completed. Mr. Collier replied to me that if he could not get the County Officers that he wanted, he would not want the County created.

John E. Morris

Subscribed and sworn to before
me the 13th day of April, 1923.

Samuel C. Headley
Notary Public, State of
Florida at Large.

My commission expires 9 Feb 1925

