

MIAMI "QUICKSAND" NOT FOUND ON TRAIL.

During the controversy late in 1925 over the location of the Tamiami Trail, and whether or not the State should take over the completion of the Trail, one of the Miami daily papers published an article condemning the road and made the statement that the road passed through an impenetrable swamp of quicksand. To prove that this was not the case, it may be of interest to that paper and the general public to know the following facts.

In Collier County alone, on that portion of the road which runs from Carnestown east to four miles beyond the Bude-Collier county line, over six hundred tons of sixty per cent nitro-glycerine dynamite was purchased and used by the firm of Alexander, Ramsay, and Kerr, in charge of the work, from the Hercules Powder Company.

There were sections of the road which required as much as five pounds of dynamite per cubic yard of rock, and this would seem to indicate that the quicksand which the Miami paper feared does not exist in Collier County. In fact, there is to be seen in the offices of Alexander, Ramsay, and Kerr at Everglades, a piece of hard rock which was taken from this portion of the road. It looks very much like granite, and is solid and hard as flint. This is the kind of rock which the men engaged in the work have been blasting all along the way.