

TAMIAMI TRAIL WEST IS VISUALIZED AS
GATE OF OPPORTUNITY

Old Trail, Which Has Served Well, Soon To Be Supplanted
WORK ON TRAIL ABOUT COMPLETE

In the past few years the Tamiami Trail in Collier County has been very much in the limelight. Now it is nearing completion and we must needs pause to review something of the magnitude of this task that has been so faithfully carried forth. Up to the present there have been over sixty miles of grade practically completed. Every foot of this has required a fill, ranging from a minimum of one foot to a maximum of four feet or better. We are safe in saying, then, that there is an average fill of two and one half feet through out the entire distance, which means well over a million cubic yards of material. The material used has varied from fine sand in the western part of the county to the extremely hard rock that is found in the eastern part.

It is with the sand projects of the western part that this article is to deal. The problems of excavation are few and are easily solved in comparison with the problems confronted in the rock projects. The big problems in connection with this work have been those of building a grade that would stand up under the severe climatic conditions of the country. To build a sand fill that would stand through out the prolonged rainy season has taken extreme patience and perseverance. Since the expense of importing material was prohibitive the only thing to do was to use that which was at hand. As this is not to be a technical treatise let us leave it to the traveling public to judge just how well this material has been used, and pass on to the importance of this part of the Trail to the commercial world, and particularly to Collier County.