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Mr. W. W. Dewhurst,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Mr. Dewhurst:-

Since receiving your letter sometime ago asking that I keep you posted in reference to progress of Cape Sable Road I have not been able to go on the work personally but was to-day in conversation with Mr. Duncan, a friend of mine, who is doing the civil engineering work in connection with this road and he advises me that, so far, the Company has been making very slow progress, most of the time for the past six months being taken up in the assembling of a suitable dredge for this particular work, but that they are now getting it into practical operation, in fact, have been doing some work during the past ten days having put up about 1500 ft. of road. At present, they are working only a day crew but expect to put on day and night shifts later on. He thinks they are building at the rate of only about 300 ft. per day, at present, but they are badly handicapped on account of insufficient water to properly float their dredge, making it necessary to handle a good deal of surplus material. This condition will be alleviated, of course, as soon as our rainy season sets in. The Superintendent on the ground, Mr. Duncan informs me, claims they will be able to build about 2 miles per month when they get in proper working order.

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Yours very truly,