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LARGE PLANS FOR DRAINAGE OF EVERGLADES

**An Undertaking by The Southern
Drainage District Officials That
Means Much for the Future
of Miami.**

The Southern Drainage District, which has had temporary quarters in the offices of Capt. J. F. Jaudon on Twelfth Street, has moved to the Masonic Temple Building on 13th street, where convenient and well equipped offices have been opened.

The Southern Drainage District has created by an Act of the last legislature, and embraces about 150,000 acres of Everglade land south and west of Miami, the northern boundary of the district being two miles north of the Tamiami Trail, extending west to the range line between ranges 36 and 37.

The supervisors named in the act creating the district were J. F. Jaudon, L. T. Highleyman and J. P. Conrad—a splendid board of experienced business men, all deeply interested in the drainage of the glades and in Dade county and Miami.

Capt. Jaudon was for many years assessor of Dade county. He is a man of wide business experience and thoroughly familiar with Dade county real estate, and, besides being a large owner of lands within the district, has a broad and intimate knowledge of the Everglades and the particular problems involved in the drainage and reclamation of the lands of this district.

Mr. Highleyman is the president of the Fidelity Bank & Trust Company of Miami. He is largely interested in lands within the district and in other parts of Dade county and the city of Miami. He will give to the affairs of the district his personal attention, and his business experience in large matters and his notable capacity as a financier will prove of incalculable value in the work of reclaiming the rich lands of this district.

Mr. Conrad is a man of fine executive ability. He has perhaps as comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the Everglades as any man in Florida. In addition to his duties as supervisor he is also the purchasing agent of the district and will personally attend to all purchases made for account of the district, insuring the most rigid economy.

The several necessary employes of the district have been selected and the preliminary work has begun and is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. The chief engineer, John W. King, has been hard at work since the organization of the district, June 15th, running the level on the land and gathering the necessary information for the preparation of a complete and workable plan of reclamation. This work will be finished with all dispatch and the actual work of digging canal and ditches begun.

George T. Morgan, secretary of the district, is busy making up the tax rolls for the preliminary tax of 21 cents per acre, levied by the board of supervisors on June 15th, and will turn these tax rolls over to the county tax collector in a few days.

It is the intention of the board of supervisors of this district to diligently push the work of reclamation to an early completion. The drainage of the lands embraced in the Southern Drainage District means much to Miami. These lands lie right at the doorway of the Magic City and when drained, as soil of the lands, combined with the glorious climate and easy access to the markets, will cause them to increase ten-fold in value and attract to this promised garden spot hundreds of hardy settlers and farmers who will add much to the growth and prosperity of Miami.

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be 25 cents
per acre