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Sept., 12, 1934.

SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-President,  
Model Land Company,  
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Sir:

We received your letter of the 8th instant suggesting that Mr. Pepper or I be appointed by Mr. Siegel and Mr. Conrad, on this Board.

When you were in the office today we showed you a clipping from the Miami Daily News of September 8th, stating Mr. R. O. Watson, Son of Senator J. W. Watson, had been elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Holmberg. We understand Mr. Watson will serve until the landowner's meeting next June, at which time two Supervisors will be elected.

We believe you looked into the matter sometime ago, of trying to get proxies to vote the State lands in this District, but were unable to do so, as mentioned in your letter to us of June 4, 1934. It might not be a bad idea to have your Legal Department look into the legal phase of who can vote lands at the landowners meeting, as we are of the opinion that a lot of the land voted each year is delinquent for taxes and probably quite a bit of it old enough that the land has reverted to the State for non-payment of taxes. Should there be some way of making those who vote the lands show evidence that the taxes are paid we believe it would prevent the voting of a considerable block of private lands that are usually voted. Of course, at the next landowner's meeting if most of the Model Land Company and Perrine Grant Land Company taxes are unpaid for over two years, we would probably not wish to raise this question as it would knock out your proxies, but if this could be worked, we might be able to corral enough lands with the taxes paid to control the election, and we believe it worth while to look into this without waiting until time for the election.

Yours very truly,  
PEPPER AND COFFRIN, INC.

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