

Southern Drainage District

OF
FLORIDA



MR. R. W. BABSON

the internationally known statistician, in an interview stated: "It seems to me that the Everglades is the real answer to Miami's future. In the long run, Miami is better off for one dollar spent on draining the Everglades than on five spent for other purposes. The Everglades will continually bring forth wealth, and other things will be only of temporary value, requiring constant feeding in money."

MIAMI, FLA., July.14th. 1931

Mr. Frank J. Pepper.
Ingraham Building.
City.

My Dear Mr. Pepper-

Complying with the resolution you passed at the land owners meeting, I drew a bill cutting off the 5% fee paid to the collector of taxes on southern drainage taxes, I enclose you telegram from Senator Watson which states that same has passed the senate and has gone over to the house and I do not think we will have any opposition there.

Our fees under the 1927 bill were about the same as our entire overhead for last year and I opposed the 1927 bill to the best of my ability, but as it had the backing of the Tax Payers league I failed to defeat it.

We must all work to keep the fees and taxes down to the lowest possible point, if we hope to have any future real estate activity, upon which our future prosperity so greatly depends.

Yours truly,

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 Pls note & forward to
 Milo. for my So. Dr. Distr. file
 you etc
 J.P.