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July 15, 1919.

Southern Drainage District,
Meeting of the Land Owners.

Mr. Sidney Harrison, Sec'y.,
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th inst., with copy of letter from Ex-Governor Jennings attached, in re, above subject received.

Mr. Pepper and I both attended the meeting and the main thing that was taken up was the passing of a resolution, requesting the Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District to request the Chief Engineer of the State and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the dredge now operating on the Canal between the Tamiami Trail and the Miami Canal should dredge into the Tamiami Trail Canal and thence West as far as the tax money to be collected will allow.

It seems that the Tamiami Trail Canal is not wide enough to carry off the amount of water standing in the Glades for the next few miles to the West, and the Supervisor and others think that by doing this work at present that it would give a much better idea of the drainage needed for the land further South. They can, however, do nothing unless they collect taxes owing by the State, which the State has agreed to pay, and by other private owners, and they are anxious to have your Companies pay the drainage taxes now due so that they can push the work while they have

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the dredge on hand, as it will cost them \$180.00 a day to keep the dredge waiting and about \$3,000.00 to have the dredge brought back again.

Governor Jennings wired Dr. Holmberg to put off the foreclosure of the drainage taxes for another 30 days until he could see the bill passed by the Legislature validating the survey, but the Supervisors do not want to do this, but state that they will not proceed to foreclose before the 25th of this month, which ought to give Governor Jennings time to look over the said bill. I am enclosing minutes of yesterdays meeting and also minutes of previous meeting for your information.

Yours truly,

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