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SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-Pres.,  
Model Land Company,  
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The writer attended the meeting of the Southern Drainage District on Monday, June 4th, and as was anticipated, Mr. L. T. Highleyman was re-elected Supervisor.

There was a general discussion on the condition of the District, from which I would gain that it is in satisfactory shape, and upon inquiry as to what the attitude of the Supervisors is going to be towards the 1928 tax assessment in view of the fact that they made no 1927 assessment, it was explained their plans are to make a nominal assessment of 50¢ an acre for the year 1928, which will raise something like \$72,000.00, for the purpose of prosecuting some necessary work.

The general attitude of the present Board of Supervisors is not to spend any more in the District for drainage than is absolutely necessary, it being their opinion as expressed in this meeting, that too much land is already being drained in the Everglades and it would be much better to wait until farmers or settlers are available, to put on smaller areas or units as reclaimed, than to go ahead and reclaim large tracts without knowing what can be grown thereon or a reasonable prospect of settling the territory.

Yours very truly,

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PEPPER & POTTER,

By: