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Mr. Frank Pepper.
Ingraham Building.
City.

My dear Mr. Pepper-

Supplementing my letter in regard to bill relieving the Southern Drainage District from the burdensome 5% tax collection fee, I am pleased to inform you same passed the house yesterday and is now up to the governor.

It is most gratifying to see that other boards notably the Baker Haulover with a one mill reduction and the special school district with a two mill reduction are actually acting toward cutting the taxes in Dade County.

I am also pleased to inform you that dredge number 3# that was sunk in the Snapper Creek Canal was dynamited and removed entirely from the canal, also the lighter that was east of F.E.C. Rwy bridge was dynamited and removed and we have now moved our crew to the South fork of the Miami River and the old Comfort Canal where they are cleaning out the solid mass of hyacinths that was blocking the flowage and navigation.

You will recognize these as old friends that have bobbed up at our land owners meetings, but lack of funds and the fact we did not have a machine in the vicinity have delayed this work which should have been attended to long ago, but fortunately, even with no tax money as we did not assess last year, the redemptions have been coming in since our land owners meeting so that we could carry on and the Sweetwater bunch will be deprived of their old stand bys.

I told them the other day they would not have anything to kick about now, but they told me not to worry they would think up something new.

I am certainly glad this work could be done now and that the 5% could be saved for the tax payers.

Yours truly.