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LAND AND INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

E. INGRAHAM  
VICE-PRESIDENT

St. Augustine, Fla., Aug. 2nd, 1917.

Mr. F. J. Pepper,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Pepper:-

I have your favor of the 1st inst., for which I thank you.

I am returning Mr. Cooper's letter to you and am going to ask you to do me the favor of taking this matter up with Mr. Powers; I am not able to get down there and see him now; if he is well, or in usual health, discuss it with him and get his side of the story, if not let it drop until he is in better shape. When you are doing it show him my letter, don't hesitate to do so that he may understand how I feel. These continual attacks are unfurling very materially, because they are being brought to the ears of other people than myself, and some of our people will naturally think that I am countenancing a wrong-doer when I should be responsible for his dismissal.

I would not worry you with this situation, but that I am unable to act on it myself and I have no one else that I can take it up with who is at all friendly to Mr. Powers, and I don't want to take it up with one who is prejudiced against him, largely for the reasons that you give in your letter to me. I have known that

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He was distressed, and that he had been very hard up, but I never yet have found anything but what was honest about him, and when he took the money from his commissions and went to Sanford and settled up old debts he did a thing that was much to his credit.

Please advise at your early convenience, and greatly oblige,

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Encl.

Yours very truly,

*J. B. Reynolds*  
Vice-President.