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June 13th, 1921.

Mr. Sidney Harrison,
Secretary,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I have just returned from meeting of the Land Owners League of the Southern Drainage District which was well attended, and over which I presided as Chairman.

The principal item of business was the election of a Supervisor to succeed the expiring term of Captain J. F. Jankin. Only one candidate was placed in nomination, and he was therefore unanimously elected, and as previously advised believe he will prove a good supervisor for the district. It was necessary for me to use your proxies in casting votes for the Model Land Company and Perrine Grant Land Company.

At the proper time I brought up the matter of the district assessing taxes on lands that were not benefitted, and was supported by the balance of the land owners present that such a condition should be corrected. I suggested to the Supervisors present that all that part of the present district south of Township 54 should be eliminated or relieved from taxation, and they explained that it could not be eliminated from the district except through legislation, but thought they would be able to exempt it from taxation. I had present at the meeting four or five croppers from that section, who testified that they had already been damaged by drainage and that they would be compelled to abandon their fields if that territory was given further drainage. I, therefore, put myself on record with the Supervisors, as your agent, that the Companies I represented would probably refuse to pay any further taxes that might be assessed by the Southern Drainage District in this territory, but at the same time assured them that we were ready and willing to cooperate with the district where it could be shown that we received a benefit.

I don't know just how they will finally dispose of the matter, but will keep in touch with the situation, with the hopes that we will succeed in getting this whole block exempted from taxation.

Yours very truly,

RJP/p