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June 10th, 1921.

Meeting Southern Drainage District.

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I have yours of the 7th inst. enclosing proxies of the Model Land Company and the Ferrine Grant Land Company to be used in connection with election of a Supervisor for the Southern Drainage District in meeting of Land Owners League next Monday the 13th inst.

As previously advised, F. H. Siegel, who represents large land interests in the district, is a candidate to succeed Captain F. F. Jaudon, and Captain Jaudon will also be a candidate to succeed himself. After a consultation with the Secretary of the Board and also Mr. Condon, one of the Supervisors,

I have come to the conclusion that the District will best be served by the election of Mr. Siegel, and if necessary, unless I get other information, I will cast your proxies for Siegel, however, I understand he already has enough votes pledged to assure his election, which if I find the case, I will likely remain neutral on account of friendship existing between myself and Captain Jaudon and also a longtime acquaintance between the Captain and Mr. Ingraham. The Captain purchased a home just across the street from my home and showed me only a few days ago, with a great deal of pride, a couple of Spanish Laurel trees that had been planted by Mr. Morse about five years ago, and stated he had named one J. E. Ingraham and the other Fred. Morse.

I am enclosing, herewith, a plat of the Southern Drainage District,

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In talking over the matter of eliminating lands not benefitted by drainage, I have gotten Mr. Siegel and Mr. Conrad to express themselves as being in favor of eliminating from the District entirely, if it can be done legally, all lands lying south of line between Townships 54 and 55, and they also favor the appointment of a competent commission to assess benefits and damages in the balance of the district. In this connection I incidently led them to believe that unless something was done promptly to relieve these high lands from drainage taxes, that our Companies would refuse to pay the taxes and fight the cause. In other words, I think we have the matter well in hand and that we will get favorable action after the new Board of Supervisors is organized. In the meantime, I would suggest that you have Mr. Lemmest advise me what would be the proper steps for the Supervisors to pursue, to eliminate all lands in Township Fifty-five from the District so that I will have it to present to the new Board of Supervisors at the proper time.

I will report to you further the result of meeting to be held next Monday.

RJP

Yours very truly,