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April 29th, 1926.

SUBJECT: Drainage District south of Naranja Drainage District.

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

Dear sir:

We are just in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst., stating you are again reliably informed that a new district is in the process of formation, as outlined in your letter of April 1st, and you understand Mr. B. H. Edwards of Florida City is the instigator of this new district.

I happened to meet Mr. Edwards on the street yesterday and among other things mentioned this matter and discussed it with him, and he stated there was some talk of forming a district east and southeast of Homestead, but he stated he understood it had been abandoned as it was too slow a process for the end they had in view, which was to bring a canal from the Bay to the City of Homestead for transportation purposes, the plan being to bring this canal west from the Bay about on a line with Mowry Street of the City of Homestead.

The City of Homestead made an effort to extend their city limits due east to the Bay, but Mr. Edwards and several other parties who owned land east of Homestead objected to this and brought suit to enjoin the City from doing so.

Judge H. F. Atkinson of the local Circuit Court has just rendered a decision that the extension of the city limits to the Bay to be legal, and with the Homestead and Florida City limits both extending east to the Bay at this time, it seems that the organization of a drainage district in this particular locality is rather remote at this time. Mr. Edwards stated the Homestead people were still desirous of securing this canal but they seemed to be working now on a plan to try and get some Contractor to dig it for the rock and material to be excavated therefrom.

In this connection and in order to give you further information along this line, we enclose a clipping from the

Homestead Leader, issue of April 26, 1926, from which you will note it refers to the decision of Judge Atkinson declaring the extension of the city limits to be legal, and states that the next step which presents itself is in regard to the canal project which the article stated was to be discussed April 26, 1926 at a special meeting of the directors of the Redland District Chamber of Commerce. You will note they propose a canal 70 feet wide and 20 feet deep with 35 foot boulevards on either side, with a turning basin at the west end of the canal, and the article states that the most feasible plan seems to be to get some Rock Company to dig the canal for the rock they would get out of it.

We will continue to watch this situation and keep you advised of any information we may learn regarding it.

Yours very truly,

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