

April 30, 1929.

Memorandum.

Mr. Pepper:

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Mr. Thomas P. Benson phoned this PM and wanted to talk to you. He said he understood Representative S. P. Robineau introduced a Bill in the Legislature on yesterday concerning the creation of the proposed National Park in the Cape Sable District, and that said Bill contained a clause providing for a Committee with full power to act in the matter of condemnation of such land as they contemplate including in the Park area without the consent or approval of the landowners affected, which clause Mr. Benson and others affected considers is detrimental to their interests, and which would likewise affect lands of the Model Land Company in that area. Benson said he and others interested intended sending telegrams to Rep. Robineau tonight objecting to the inclusion of this clause in the Bill and suggested that you do likewise, and he thought if enough pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Robineau that this particular clause might be eliminated. Mr. Benson said he and the other property owners affected had no objection to the park project except that they did not consider or think all the agricultural lands in that area should be included within its boundaries or that their lands should be confiscated without proper reimbursement therefor, and they are of the opinion that if the Committee in charge of this project has power to place their own appraisals on this land or if it has to be condemned, that the landowners might have to take less than its value if such appraisals were based on today's market.

Further in this connection, Mr. Benson stated that the Madeira Development Company have started ditching, diking and improving 2000 acres of their tract and are preparing it for cultivation next Fall.

Mr. Benson wants you to phone him at 7770 in the morning.

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