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Mr. Robert Ransom,  
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Mr. Ransom:-

I received your chronological booklet and know your History must be going to be wonderful.

I am just in receipt of the Florida Naturalist. I am sorry I was such a laggard as to not get my ideas of Everglades Drainage, which are yours, too, in this number. Dr. Mornows I have met when in New York and his ideas are alright with the exception that I think Florida should give the one million acres to the Federal Government, make Oksechobee safe and then quit and let the grafters - who I understand are quietly working to sell their holdings to the Government for a National Park. This was told in open meeting, but as a secret, here in Kissimmee and I knew then they had something up their sleeves and I was asked to say nothing of the Seminoles for the time being.

I fear politics are not going to be much changed in St. Augustine, as the different Governors, EX-Governors and others - who have holdings in the Everglades are so anxious to sell these lands and now they want to make it appear as a preservation for the birds and animals, - but they don't seem to be worrying much about the Seminole Indians.

Unlike what you said in the Naturalist which just came to me yesterday, and I am going to be in St. Augustine when the Historical Society meets on the 8th, if I am well enough to attend.

If you know anything new regarding the scheme that they are trying to work in the Everglades, I would be glad to know.

Hoping to hear from you when you have time and that your history is coming on fine, I am

Sincerely yours,

MMW/T

Minnie Moore-Willson.