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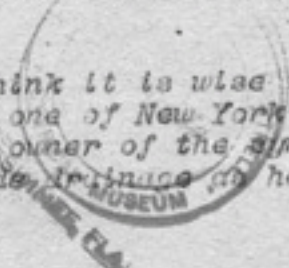
Dear Mr. Singleton:

I was very pleased to receive the prospectus of the Tropic Everglades Park Association. I had known of the plans being worked in both Washington and Tallahassee but had not seen the propaganda, as you so kindly mailed me.

It is needless to tell you that both Mr. Willson and myself are gratified to know that there is hope of something being done, even at this late day, by which the Seminole Indians, as well as the bird and animal life, of the once beautiful glades, will be benefitted.

It will seem rather strange to you, as if some Unseen Hand has been working a great many years on this problem, and I know you will feel a great interest, too, when I tell you that I have an article that appeared in the Kissimmee Valley Gazette, January 23, 1914. I am assuming that you will be interested in this as it is the very idea that is now being promoted, and I am having a copy made of this article to mail to you with this letter. Also, under separate cover, I am mailing you, with my compliments, a little brochure which was published in 1920. In which you will see on pages 18 to 20, the same thought advanced. When you have read these you will see how my heart has been in the work for the saving of the wild life which includes our Seminoles, and I am hoping that after these years of work there will be some credit given to me for the ideas that were advanced at that time, as Tallahassee was putting every effort forth to sell the lands. When you have read the copy and the little brochure, which tells briefly of the pets we had in our yard here, I will be very glad to hear from you, and to cooperate as much as possible with the idea that is being advanced the present day.

I think it is wise to say to you that I have promised an article to one of New York's largest syndicates on the same subject. The owner of the syndicate has not felt so kindly towards Everglade drainage as he might, and for this



reason he has asked me to write the side of the story as the Everglade Park Association is putting out, but his idea was not quite with as friendly an attitude as your prospectus shows. I should have had this article up to him before now but have been waiting for special pictures of the Seminoles and one of their gruesome camps.

I am invited to come before the Pen Woman's League of Miami, through Mrs. General Hoxie and Mrs. Beatrice McKibben. I very much hope I may be able to attend as they left an open date for me. As I expect to go to the Historical Society early in February, I am not sure when I can come to Miami, but when I do come I will be pleased to meet the promoters of this Park Association. I understand the Miami Herald had an article from me in Sunday's paper but I have not seen it yet.

Thanking you for remembering me and for the very splendid story you gave to the Miami Daily News, I am

Very sincerely,

Minnie Moore Willson.

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