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AND THE  
OLD SPANISH TRAIL



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EXCELLENT MOTORING

The Leon Hotel Company  
Tallahassee, Fla.

April 10, 1917.

Mr. J. M. Willson, Jr.,  
Kissimmee, Fla.

Dear Mr. Willson:

We had a hearing this afternoon before each Committee--Senate and House. The Senate was the most satisfactory; the men on it seemed to grasp the situation readily, but they wanted a little more time to look into the subject.

In the House, there were fool stunts of various kinds. The principal objection raised by Mr. Lewis was his doubt that the Legislature had the right to direct the I. I. Board to give up any land. The matter was finally referred to the Attorney-General for an opinion as to the legality of the bill. The letter was written to that official and taken to his office by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Tilghman, who I think stands with us. When that opinion is returned the Committee will have another meeting. We hurried to the Governor's office and saw Mr. Burke about the matter. He said he would at once speak to the Attorney-General on the subject, with a view to getting an immediate opinion. So we hope that will be forthcoming soon.

Marshall, Bryan and Woodruff, in addition to the Chairman, (and possibly Swain) are favorable, but we are likely to have opposition from Lewis and Watson. Both of them say, however, that they want to see something done for the Seminoles. We suggested to Mr. Bryan that there was a chance for him to do some missionary work.

Watson telegraphed to Sears on the subject and got some kind of a reply, the nature of which I could not learn, because Watson came to the room just as the meeting was over. I gathered that it was to the effect that the Federal Government should make provision for

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the Indians.

It will now be in order for us to await the opinion of the Attorney-General and the next meeting of the Committee.

Now that things have gone this far, I think there is no reason why I should not start North, as I have word to come as soon as I can. My plan is to leave here Friday afternoon or evening for Jacksonville. The House may take a recess that day until Monday afternoon four o'clock. Will you therefore arrange to come up, aiming to arrive here not later than Monday afternoon? --or possibly Tuesday morning. So far, Captain Spencer has received no word about joining the colors, and he will remain here until something of that sort happens.

As I wrote you, we will be glad to cover your expenses during my absence. I will aim to return just soon as I can get through with the matters awaiting my attention in Philadelphia.

With kind regards to you both in which Capt. Spencer joins me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*M. S. Sniffen*