

Kissimmee Fla. Jany. 28th. 1921

Hon. L. A. Spencer,
Special Commissioner
Ft. Meyers Fla.

Dear Mr. Spencer:-

Recently I was informed that Dr. Gray of the Home Mission Board had planned to come to Florida this winter in the interest of the Mission and Hospital work among the Seminole Indians.

As you doubtless know that Dr. Masters came down last winter and had Special Commissioner Brandon, Dr. Holt and my self to visit with him some of the indians living on the east side of Lake Okeechobee, having in mind this same work. We were successful in seeing some of the indians and Dr. Masters made a favorable report, but the trouble has been that some of the Oklahoma Indians were trying to occupy this same field trying to do the work the Home Board had planned to do.

This has delayed the Home Board in pushing the matter, but as I understand there is some prospects of the Oklahoma Indians letting the field free to the Home Board, and in that event I believe the prospects are splendid for some activity along that line.

Please tell me if the Cow Creek and Ft. Lauderdale Indians have moved down into the Big Cypress where you have fenced the tract. I saw in the news papers an item stating that Tony Tommie and his people had moved to the tract you had fenced.

Should Dr. Gray come down where would he be most likely to find the greatest number of Indians? and I would be glad to know where you think the best place for the Mission work to be commenced, now that you have made such a fine showing in the Big Cypress. You of course are in close touch with the whole situation, and can best judge where the industrial work and hospital would be most likely to succeed.

I would appreciate very much your ideas on the situation. Is Billy Bowlegs and the Billy Smith crowd now living within the fenced land? or are they still near Okeechobee City?

With best wishes for your success, I remain,

Very Sincerely Yours,