

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Fort Myers , Fla.

November, 12th, 1921.

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

My Dear Mr. Willson;

Your letter of the 11th has just been received and in reply would say that it is true the Indians are having an hard time and we are straining our resources to the breaking point. I am trying hard to get some additional money for the work but every department seems to be feeling the hard times.

Last month the employees practically contributed their salaries to prevent actual want.

Regarding the Fort Lauderdale Indians I am afraid they find it easier to beg than to work. I make Tony's mother a regular allowance as she is getting old and needs it. Last month I sent Tony Tommie \$ 20.00 additional to help them out and among other things he paid \$ 7.50 for a hat for himself.

There has been some sickness but this has been taken care of. Our Doctor and Medicine bills for the East Coast Indians alone amounts to \$ 144.70 for October.

We are handling the situation the best we can and with the opening of the fur market hope to get them on their feet again

Very truly yours,

*Lucien A. Spencer,*  
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Spl. Com. & S. D. A.