

WHAT HAS BROWARD DONE ?

Saved Everglades from corporations.

Inaugurated the drainage of the Everglades.

Had paid into the school fund first money from the sale of public lands outside of receipts from the sale of sixteenth sections of school land. Although the school fund contained every sixteenth section of land in Florida (972,000 acres) he has so caused the value to increase by Everglades drainage work that the tenth of it remaining is worth as much as the other nine tenths was sold for, to-wit: one million two hundred thousand dollars.

The school fund equity in public lands in the Everglades, other than school sections, after expenses of reclamation has been paid, will, within five years, be worth five to ten million dollars more.

There was constructed during his administration a greater number of public buildings than had been built in the history of the state, to-wit: University, College Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Hospital for the Insane, Governor's Mansion, and there were still others provided for.

The Coast Line Canal was to be terminated at St. Augustine, but a contract was secured requiring its construction, without additional cost to the state, into the St. Johns River near Mayport. Within three months the whole eastern portion of Florida from Key West to Jacksonville will have inland water transportation. As soon as canal number one of the Everglades drainage system of canals is completed from New River to Lake Okeechobee, Fort Myers and Kissimmee, now connected by three hundred and nine miles of inland water, will also be connected by inland waterways with Charleston, Key West and Sanford.

If the people stand for their own interests they are bound to win. If they permit selfish corporations to divide them they will surely lose.

This country belongs to the people. It is better that the people administer the affairs of the government liberally or even generously toward the corporations, when proper to do so, than to permit the corporations to administer the affairs of the government and for the people to depend on the corporations being generous to the people.

The people when wronged suffer the pangs of hunger and great mental anguish from oppression and every misery that want and discontent may bring upon them. If the corporations are hardshipped they can appeal to our courts and get relief. The average person is too poor to defray such expenses.

Suppose your children are deprived of an education during the period of childhood on account of the lack of opportunity. Though you become rich in after years it will be too late for the school age of the children has past. Do your duty by your family today, do it tomorrow and tomorrow.

Harm no one. Your rights end where the other man's rights begin, but retain possession until you know where the line is.

The Scripture says it is easier to keep a strong man out of the house than it is to put him out after he gets into the house.

The law making halls are yours. See to it that they are occupied by your representatives.

Do not be satisfied with crumbs that fall from the table. You are a full heir. Your place is at the banquet board.

My administration succeeded in securing a contract with the Florida Coast Line Canal & Transportation Co. to extend its canal from St. Augustine into the St. Johns River near Jacksonville. This canal is now within a month of connecting with the St. Johns River, and although this extension cost the canal company \$300,000, it was constructed without additional cost to the state. Through means of this canal one can go by launch, canal boat or light draft steamboat from Key West to Charleston, South Carolina, without going to sea, and it will become a freight route regular forever. Within two years there will be one canal, perhaps two of them, leading from the above mentioned canal through the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee by way of the Caloosahatchee River to the Gulf of Mexico, thus connecting up one thousand miles of inland waterways. We have public lands enough left on hand that were saved from land grant corporations by my administration to amount to many millions of dollars to the common school fund of our state.

I am now asking your vote and support for a seat in the United States Senate that becomes vacant March 4, 1911, which position belongs to the people. Therefore, I am not trying to take a position from some one, but asking you and others to elect me to this position promising you that I will render you the very best service possible for me to render the most deserving people in the world, a people who have honored me in the past and whom I would rejoice to serve. If I am nominated I must depend on the voluntary support of the people of our state. I cannot nominate myself.

The people should control their legislative halls. It is better that the people administer the government and have the privilege of being generous to the corporations of our country than to permit the corporations to administer the affairs of the government and risk the corporations being generous to us. The people own the country and create its wealth. The people should control! Can the people not trust themselves to be just to all of their creations?

I would greatly appreciate a reply from you and would consider it a favor if you will send me a list of the names, with post office addresses, of good citizens to whom I may write.

Thanking you in advance and with very best wishes, I beg to remain

Yours truly,

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