

Gainesville, Fla., April 17, 1926.

Mr. H. P. Burton, Editor,
McCall's Magazine,
232 W. 37th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Burton:-

Here's No. 3. You see I have carried out your decision when you were in Gainesville the other day, making this an article on Florida's resources, and leaving the schemes of colonization which I have collected for No. 4.

If I understand you, you would like to have No. 4 handled not as a Florida problem, but as a national problem. I take it that the Florida schemes which I have looked into should be used as illustrations. They would have possibly more news value than those of any other part of the country at the present moment, unless it might be something in North Carolina, which seems to be following Florida's recent excitement. I have an idea that we ought to emphasize in this what I am afraid is a sad failure of the government to properly take care of the veterans who have wanted land. Three years ago I looked into this a little in Washington and I was shocked at what I was told. How much they have remedied the situation since then I don't know, but I can easily find out when I get there. This would give us a worthy appeal. Then there is the question of what the government itself is doing now in the lands it is opening, particularly in irrigated district. Many settlers have had just as unhappy experiences in going on to government lands as any one ever did in Florida. There has been a lot of fine work by people of both experience and vision applied to these problems. It all heads up now in Washington.

If this brief summary of what I have in mind coincides with what you have in your mind wire me when you receive this. Your idea of putting the article in the form of a letter to Congress can be determined later. If that is the most effective way to use it that is the way we should use it.

If there is anything I can do on this chapter which in your judgment will make it more acceptable please wire me as soon as you have looked it over. I shall remain here at Gainesville over Monday to get my Colonization notes into better shape and to determine just what more I ought to look at in that line down here and to get ready for Washington. I will go on Tuesday and by Wednesday be in Jacksonville, Hotel Windsor, but please wire me here Monday if this gets to you and you have time to look it over.

Faithfully yours,