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Mr. S. O. Chase,
Sanford, Florida.

Dear Syd:

ISLEWORTH: Attached find copy of letter to Browne which is self explanatory. The writer was unable to locate Browne, who was on some kind of a visit to Orlando. No one appeared to know the nature of his mission.

The writer located Mr. Crowell and requested him to go at once to where the irrigation was going on and take such steps as were necessary to have the water diverted to where it would do some good. The writer looked at the pipe, and thought that some little care or supervision on the part of either Browne or Crowell, or some white man, would put the joints in condition to do good service. They have been handled so roughly that the material is bent at the joints and hence the waste of water.

On the last two trips to Isleworth, the writer has found water running down the roads that should be running down between the trees. You know, yourself, that darkies are not especially interested in having water or anything else go in the direction intended unless a white person who knows something about it is somewhere around.

The writer also found that one of the trucks going across the viaduct with fertilizer dropped two sacks, which broke and wasted more or less of the contents. This was gathered up loose and thrown in the body of the truck, and a great deal of it was distributed on the balance of the trip over the viaduct into the Lake Butler Grove.

Crowell may do temporarily, but in my opinion he is too old for this job. It would require a younger man, and just where to locate the right one is one of the problems we are up against. Browne could do it if he was not apparently engrossed in many other things that he should not attend to.

After the writer had been in the office some little time, Brown called up and stated that it was impossible to repair the pipe, and much of the leakage was due to the fact that since the pump had been repaired, the volume of water was increased, consequently it was not so important that all of the water should go out of the proper end of the pipe. He made such a poor argument that it was necessary for us to tell him that his opinion of the matter was not wise, and neither was it yours.

Yours very truly,

JCC/18