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Mr. H. B. Ayres,
Battle House,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Herral:-

I have a new pipe dream and I believe it is going to be a winner. The plan is to get Corpus Christi to build a wooden trestle, that will carry automobiles, leading out to Padre Island. This can be done at a very reasonable cost figuring that some kind of a storm will take it away every two years. Still, the investment wouldn't amount to anything when you take into consideration the amount of tourist business it would bring them. This would give us an eighty mile beach drive to Point Isabel, and on account of the width across the water from Padre Island to the main land at this point it will probably be adviseable to use boats for the present. However, there is no question in my mind but what a temporary trestle could be built at that point and whatever it cost the traffic would soon justify it.

Matamoras is putting in a two million dollar race track and this is going to bring thousands of tourists from all over Texas, as well as the United States, to the Brownsville country, and the novelty of an eighty mile beach drive between Point Isabel and Corpus Christi would bring more local tourists in Texas to Corpus Christi and the Valley than any other one thing that we have thought of.

I have been on this beach and it is as fine as you ever saw with the exception of one point. I don't know what the last storm has done; whether it has washed out any bad places in it or not. It may be it has filled up the places that formerly existed.

I am going to turn loose a story in the Houston Chronicle Sunday on this proposition and hope that the Houston people will take quite a fancy to the idea. I also expect to "bell" the Corpus Christi people as this will give them the much coveted OST and the same time not make the other folks sore. It will be one of the greatest tourist loops in the United States.

Write me a good story on this that I can release when I get things in shape to turn it loose.

No new developments here since my last letter.

Yours truly,

