Region Ripe for Growth

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An Open Frontier for Rail
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THROUGH TRAINS TO HAVANA.

Flagler Plan to Run Ferry from Key West, Mobile Hears.

Special to The New York Times.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 11.—Henry M. Flagler, according to report here, has a plan to send fully equipped trains across the straits to Cuba by ferryboat from Key West. The boats are to be constructed of unusual breadth to resist rolling. The water trip would require several hours.

If railroad connections on the island could not be obtained Mr. Flagler would build a road through Cuba.

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Miami’s Population Growth

1900 – 1,681
1910 – 5,471
1920 – 29,549
1920 – 1923 – Doubled

The Florida Special Arrives at Miami
1921 Miami Traction Company
1926 Great Miami Hurricane

Devastation after the Miami Hurricane of 1926
1935 Hurricane
Miami Metro Bus
in Miami Beach

Metro People Mover

Metro Rail
Tri-Rail
First New Commuter Rail in 25 Years
SFRTA TRANSITION

- Regional Business Alliance Spearheads TCRA Transition Into The SFRTA In 2001
- Florida Legislature Creates The SFRTA, Effective July 1, 2003
- South Florida’s Three Counties Begin Effort To Work As A Single Entity Creating A Multimodal Mass Transit System
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