

July 16th. Heavy rain in the night
cooler and still raining some
this morning. left about 8 a.m.
had breakfast on the way
to Coral Gables. drove around
Coral Gables. some very large
buildings (hotels etc) and
some nice homes. it was
raining and we did not
stay long. took 2 snaps
Paid 25¢ for 6 big oranges.
and loaded up with Gas
5 gals \$1.15. Started on the
Tamiami Trail. the first 30
miles is as straight as a
string with a canal alongside
with lots of people fishing in it
the highway goes right
across the Everglades. at
9:30 a.m. in desolate swampy
country. with groups of Cypress
trees about 6 feet high

Lots of birds: cranes &
Herons. White, brown & white
grey, grey & blue, dark blue
birds with long legs & short
necks. turkey buzzards
coots. blackbirds. thrushes
fish jumping out of the
water in the canal. air
plants on the trunks of
trees (mostly cypress trees)
with red & yellow flowers
look like Pineapple plants
after about 75 miles the
road curves north. to go
up the other Coast of Florida
some palm trees now
Rain stops about 11 a.m.
sun comes out about noon
Passed a ~~big~~ big farm with
acres of ~~tomatoes~~ planted
then sections with long
coarse grass. Passed 4
South West mounted Police