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Brothers and Sisters, work in my area has come down to a crawl. Williams Transco and the Southeast Connector are completed. The Sable Trail system is finished except for compression work near Orlando, FL. The turnkey project near Gonzales, LA, should also be nearing its end this month. By the time you read this report, these projects will be fully operational, and 798 pipeliners will have moved on to more green pastures. I want to express my thanks for the great job that our members did on these projects. Of course, there were bumps along the way. But the proof is in the pudding. Well done 798ers!

I don't expect to see a recurrence of the number of jobs created, or the man-hours worked in the deep south in the immediate future. But all is not gloom and doom. We have some great jobs coming. Driftwood PL, LLC., will build 96 miles of 42" and 36" in south Louisiana. Energy Transfer is in the early stages of a large project that lays in east Texas and Louisiana. In fact, Business Manager Hendrix, Agent Schroeder, and myself, attended the first open meetings near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Shell is planning 40 miles of 24" in south Louisiana, and Southern Natural Gas is nearing the bid letting for nearly seven miles of 30" new lay, system upgrades, and the acquisition of an existing natural gas system in the Atlanta, GA, area. I certainly won't speak for our contractors, but the rumor mill is busy, busy, busy. I'm hearing that more good work is in store for Florida in 2018. Time will tell.

Call if I can be of any assistance to you. And thanks for being 798. It's not just a job, it's a way of life.