Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West (Jacksonville to Palatka),
Palatka & Indian River (Palatka to Sanford),
South Florida (Sanford to Tampa).

Mr. Plant lived to see this great system built up, but his
death occurred soon after the accomplishment, at New York
City, June 23, 1899.

Merger of S. F. & W. and A. C. L.

Practically all of the stock of the Savannah, Florida &
Western Railway Company was owned by H. B. Plant at the
time of his death, and in his will he provided that there be
no partition of his property until his great-grandson, then
four years of age, reached his majority. To accomplish this,
Mr. Plant tried to become a citizen of Connecticut, the laws
of which State would permit such an arrangement. In the
contest of the will by his widow he was declared a citizen of
New York and the provision was annulled. After these
matters were settled an agreement was reached between the
Savannah, Florida & Western and Atlantic Coast Line Rail-
way companies to consolidate. This agreement became ef-
effective May 16, 1902, and provided for the operation under
lease by the Atlantic Coast Line until June 30th; on July 1,
1902, the properties were merged, taking the name of Atlan-
tic Coast Line.

Jacksonville & Southwestern Railroad.

The southwestern outlet of the Atlantic Coast Line traces
back to the Jacksonville & Southwestern Railroad, incorpo-
rated in February, 1899, by the W. W. Cummer interests.
This company was organized to build a railroad from Mill-
dale (Cummer's mill) near Jacksonville to the timber hold-
ings of the company around Newberry, Alachua County.
Construction was started at once. While primarily designed
as a lumber road, the roadbed was well constructed and 60-lb.
rails laid, standard gauge. A regular passenger and freight
schedule was opened November 13, 1899. The property was
sold to C. W. Chase in 1903, a unique feature being no out-
standing obligations against the road and no bonded indebted-
ness. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company purchased
this property July 28, 1904, laid heavier rails and made it a
part of the main line.