

THE MIAMI MEETING.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

BY T. J. BRADLEY, CHAIRMAN.

The following information about transportation arrangements to the Miami meeting is disseminated at this time, to aid members in making their plans to attend the meeting. The principal approaches to Miami are *via* (1) the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, (2) the Seaboard Air Line Railway and (3) various steamship lines from ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, including the Clyde Line and the Merchants and Miners Line. Up to the present, no concession on fares has been announced by the steamship lines, but there is a possibility that reduced rates will be offered later.

The Southeastern Passenger Association, including both lines to Miami, sell excursion tickets to Florida points at intervals of about two weeks, during the summer, and the rates are very low on these tickets, amounting to but slightly more than one fare for the round trip from many points, but they are restricted in ways that will not suit some members who wish to attend the meetings of the ASSOCIATION and some of its subsidiary organizations. The most difficult of these restrictions is the requirement that the going journey must begin at points in the Southeastern Traffic Association territory and some specified outside points on a certain day, though the return journey can be completed to the starting point at any time within about a month. Strong efforts were made to secure the privilege of beginning the journey at any time within a week before the Convention, but they were unsuccessful, and all we could accomplish was to have the beginning date for one of the excursions set at a time that would suit as many members as possible. This date is Saturday, July 25th, and members who can arrange to leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis or stations south and east of these cities on that date can secure a substantial reduction in fares for the round trips. For instance, the single fare from New York to Miami is \$49.72 and the special excursion fare will be about \$58.77. Similarly, the special excursion fares from other important points will be about as follows: Philadelphia, \$53.58; Baltimore, \$48.05; Washington, \$45.74; Richmond, \$41.12; Chicago, \$57.35; Cincinnati, \$46.96; and St. Louis, \$51.23. Special excursion tickets will be sold at many other stations at corresponding reductions. When the time approaches members should inquire about these special excursion fares of the ticket agents in their home towns or in the nearest large cities.

Tickets will be good on nearly all trains, and in Pullman cars on payment of Pullman charges. Stop-overs will be allowed within the time limit of about one month and the routes going and returning through Florida and some other southeastern states may be varied within the railroad systems used.

Members coming from distant states in the West and Northwest should inquire of their railroad ticket agents about other special excursion rates that are offered to various eastern points during the summer. If none is available that will serve, ticket should be bought to Chicago, St. Louis or New Orleans and the journey timed to pass through one of these cities on July 25th, when the special excursion ticket can be bought, if it is not sold at the home station.—Further information later.
