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The Belleview added Biltmore to its' name in 1919, becoming part of the hostelrys. A main attraction of the Belleview was a six-hole golf course which was fast becoming popular and Florida's first hotel golf course. This course has since been expanded into two championship courses still used today.

Plants hotel properties continued to grow and he added the Seminole in Winter Park, The Ocala House, Hotel Punta Gorda, and the Fort Myers Hotel (Ayers, 2007). These hotels never achieved the grand status of the Belleview or the Tampa Bay Hotel.

2. Henry Flagler's railroad did go beyond Miami, reaching other important destinations. His extension of the line from Homestead to Key West was seen as one of the greatest railroad achievements in US history (Mitchell, 2012, p103). The circumstances that allowed for the extension all the way to Key West were unique and occurred during a specific window of opportunity for such an extension.

With his known engineering ability and fortune obtained before he began in Florida he was able to recognize and realize the advantages that a railroad connecting New York with Key West would provide.

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