

FORD SAYS HE ISN'T KNOCKING PROMOTION COMMITTEE; PREDICTS A LOS ANGELES STEAMER LINE SOON

"We are not 'knocking' the promotion committee, but want to supplement its work by undertaking things it does not do," said Alexander Hume Ford, founder of several new organizations or clubs which are hustling on promotion lines, this morning. There have been rumors at various times that Ford wanted to be secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee and was on a still hunt for the job, and this was the occasion of other reports that the present committee was being quietly "knocked" so that its financial support was becoming less.

"We want a Los Angeles-Honolulu steamer service, and we are going to get it soon," continued Ford. "We don't care anything for the Pacific Mail Company or anyone else. We propose to get the right people together, including the transcontinental lines which are interested, and men who control freight here, and get that Los Angeles line started. We are to have a meeting this aft-

ernoon and appoint a committee to take the matter up. I am confident that by taking the right steps the line can be secured.

"This is a line of work the Promotion committee is not doing, and we propose to carry it on. Other work, such as organization of the Outrigger Club, Trail and Mountain Club, etc., is supplementary to the work of the regular Promotion committee. Of a similar character is the successful work done in securing a reduction of inter-island passenger rates and arranging for the three-dollar excursion to Iao valley from Honolulu. That excursion is already an assured success, and we can now turn to something else."

There has been considerable discussion in the Los Angeles press lately of plans for a steamer line to Honolulu, and much interest exists in the proposition at the California end. As Los Angeles is the great tourist headquarters, it is thought that such a line would be of much aid to Hawaii's tourist campaign.