



**Photo 5-10. Old San Mateo Road Bridge, Putnam County (No. 764024)**

**Old San Mateo Road Bridge**

Putnam County

FDOT #764024, 8PU1210

The Old San Mateo Road Bridge spans Mill Creek between San Mateo and Palatka. This 1916 concrete arch deck bridge is one of the oldest examples of Daniel Luten's work in Florida. It once carried a brick road. The four-span structure extends 100 feet in length. The roadway is 16 feet wide and bordered by a solid concrete railing marked with a rectangular design. The panels are divided by short concrete pilasters so that one panel is located over each arch span.

A successful bond election in 1915 enabled Putnam County to contract with the Luten Bridge Company to build this structure in 1916, under the supervision of county engineer S.G. Stallings. Construction of the span was part of a larger project to build a brick road for a distance of approximately four miles to connect the small town of San Mateo with the county seat Palatka on the St. Johns River.

The bridge is significant for several reasons. It is among the oldest Luten bridges in Florida and represents the kind of concrete structures the Luten Bridge Company would successfully promote and build throughout the state in the 1920s. This bridge also reflects the effort of Putnam County to build permanent roads and bridges prior to World War I and before the creation of a state road department. Thus, the Old San Mateo Road Bridge was determined NRHP-eligible during the 2000 survey under Criteria A and C in the areas of Transportation and Engineering, respectively.



**Photo 5-11. Moore's Creek Bridge, St. Lucie County (No. 945000)**

**Moore's Creek Bridge**

St. Lucie County

FDOT #945000, 8SL1141

The City of Fort Pierce contracted with the Palatka office of the Luten Bridge Company in 1925 to construct this 30-foot long, single-span, reinforced concrete arch bridge over Moore's Creek, near the banks of the Indian River. The effort resulted in a typically attractive Luten bridge with an arch narrower than the deck, which is supported on cantilevered floor beams. An ornate concrete railing contains urn-shaped balusters, and it once held decorative light fixtures. The deck and balustrade gracefully curve