



Builders Have Changed, Too

The photo above of the crew that constructed the original Cocoanut Grove building in 1907 is contrasted with the photo below of the crew that is putting the final touches on a \$7 million restoration project. More than 500 workers helped construct the original building, with journeymen carpenters and painters earning about \$2.50 per

day, according to Boardwalk historian Warren W. "Skip" Littlefield. Journeymen on the crew of 250 restoring the building average \$17 per hour, plus benefits. Thomas Reese of Reese Construction is contractor for the restoration project. His father, W. B. Reese, was present at the grand opening of the Grove in 1907.