

everything.

"That's right."

The things that they raised, all that hard work that they put in, they weren't getting their money's worth. I believe they would still be farming today but the government just going to pay them just as low as they can. I wouldn't farm either.

"Did you ever farm?"

No, I never did.

"How about your folks?"

Oh, yes, they used to farm. They used to raise corn, cotton, anything that they could make a living on.

"Did they raise enough that they could sell it for cash?"

Oh, yes.

"Do the Choctaws have equipment like tractors and so forth?"

Oh, no. Then, all they had was a mule and a wagon, that's about all.

"That's a hard way."

That was a hard living. No, I guess as far as that goes, even the white people didn't have no tractors. I mean way back then and . . . but now they have all the modern machines and it don't take but a few persons to run those. I know during that time when the Indian people were farming, they used to get together, you see, and they set a date and they would go up to this farm over here and they would hoe the cotton and corn and whatever had to be done. And when they got through there . . . you take a bunch of Indians out there and they would get through in no time, see.

"Is that right?"

Then they would move on to another place. Well, you see, they helped each other, but now, see you can't get anybody to help you.

Laughter. Everybody for themselves.

"Oh, is that right?"

Except, you know, like churches now that all help. That's about the only thing