

--that's the way it was back then. 'Course the train did the job.

(not clear) The train wasn't long.

(Yeah.)

Pick all that grain and have to cut the grain too. Bring part of it in and go back and get the rest of it. You remeber that, don't you Oliver?

Oliver: Oh yea. (rest of his comment not clear).

(Interruption)

Train run all this perishable stuff, you know, out of this Rio Grande Valley.

(Yeah.)

Everything's got to get out of here fast.

(Yeah, I guess it would have to.)

It really made the time.

(Yeah, they can't fool around with that stuff.)

Most all of its refrigerated.)

(Those old time box cars, they used to stop and fill each end up with ice when they had perishables.)

Oh yeah, they had to ice'em down.

(Dadgum they'd leak water from here to the next stop. Yeah, I can remember riding on those old steam engine passenger trains. They had a smell about'em that is different from anything else. I don't know what it was. Mixture of coal dust and steam smoke.)

I guess it must have been sulphur out of the coal.

(Yeah, sulphur out of that coal but those old steam engine passenger trains they--You could always tell when you was around one. 'Cause they just smell different.)

--now though. They can wear white shirts.

(Oh yeah. Them old conductors, they'd have on that old blue suit. That