

money in the side of the hill. It didn't enter my head about money being buried there. Generally, they bury pretty close to a spring. See, the spring that would mark it. Yep, I didn't get to take my crowbar and punch that down there. I'd hit it.

(Tell me, how close to the old military road go to Vinita?)

Oh. I guess closest place would be--oh, I guess about fifteen miles. See, it comes running up that big hill over there, you know.

(Yeah.)

On down southwest of Ketchum. You can see the old road plain from that road there 82 turns into Ketchum. Look back there and see it come across here a ways. And back over here back where they had the big battle. We had people that hunted and hunted for that payroll that the federal soldiers had. I run into some information down on Snake creek. I believe that payroll is in a cave over there on Snake creek. I'll tell you why I believe it. The detachment of leading forces come in down there and encampment there. You know where Dripping Springs is?

(Yeah.)

Right on below, right in there. Dripping Springs. So when they lost this battle over it on Big Cabin, they blew this cave up and took off. Now, why did they blow that cave up?

(They had a good reason to do that.)

There's a farm down there I'd like to have bought at one time.

And take my tool and drill in. See if I couldn't drill into that cave. I still think that money is right in that cave.

(It could be right there.)

They wouldn't have gone to all that trouble to blow a whole side of hill. Would they? For nothing?

(Not for nothing. Unless they had something that they wanted to keep or preserve or hide.)