

my life. And I've worked with them out in the rural areas where they were on their own to try to develop. And I think to a great extent they were abandoned in terms of organization, tribal organization to give assistance, and as you say in 1934 they come back and committed them to reorganizing to tribal groups. And since that time a good bit of progress has been made in terms of having a co-organization. And there, I remember when Jimmy ran for chief, he did go around and organize a council or an Indian organization, Choctaw organization, in each county. Then, he made his trip around to those different counties at different times and interpret to them and explain to them the opportunities that they would have through a united tribe. This hasn't changed much in the twenty years that he has been doing this and the people now who are heading those particular organizations feel pretty well involved. But it is very difficult to get the rank and file Indian in there where he can do his, say his part as much as he needs to, and it's not necessarily or not really a leadership, perhaps, problem. It's a broad problem in which involvement is not there. Scattered members of the tribe, but with this election of the chief which emphasizes the fact that they can have a great part and with the appearance of housing projects showing them that things can be done through tribal organizations. Probably they'll come around and begin to try to see things, enterprises and industries that will be of great benefit to them and maybe develop something. I sense that the Cherokees that have sat right there beside the Choctaws and done a tremendous amount of progress and not too much of it has rubbed off on Choctaws and this bothers me a great deal. Because I think the example has been set for them.)