

They couldn't collect or sue on the laws. So the government had another system. Everyone that wants to trade with the Indians--they call it a Red Card System--went to the government. Now, today, oil companies can give out credit cards. It was something like that, but they were red--called red credit cards--they call it Red Card System. Well, those red cards are just like those oil credit cards. They're good for any company that sells on credit cards. Anybody with a red card can go into a store that sells on red cards to trade on credit anywhere. I could go to Lawton and somebody running credit on the Red Card System, I can trade with them. Anadarko, I can trade on my same red card, Gotebo, Hobant, any town, and trade on the red card. And in six months when the annuity payment comes, I make the payment. Before the government can give the individual check like they used to, you have to turn in your red cards. You have to turn it in. They check out how much you owe. You have so much to pay--so much on a dollar to different creditors. They just collect and give you the balance in a small check.

(Well, how did the Indians like that system?)

How they start it?

(No, how did they like it?)

Well, for a while they liked it. But it got old when it commenced taking all their money. And they didn't have no say-so, they just turn the red card in and they just take them all. Well, a lot of them know how much is coming to them. I draw same as any Indian. And the paymaster, Spencer Hilton, he knew me and he wanted to have a joke with me. He wrote a check for 10¢ and he