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OSAGE CLAIMS AGAINST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

(Didn't you say that we had ninety million acres altogether? And we was just getting paid for fifty million? Of these three claims?)

No.

(Well where are the other forty million at?)

Maybe I was talkin' 'bout--see we just gettin' paid for twelve million and we filed for fifty million, so maybe that's what I was talkin' 'bout. See what I said--what I was blamin' this council, and our representation up there and what we read that the Indians had with the Claims Commission, why the Claims Commission kept tellin' 'em--well, who do you represent? Do you represent the descendents of the Osages of 1808 or do you represent the Osage tribe of Oklahoma. Who do you represent? They'd hem-haw around, they wouldn't want to say. Say we represent the Osage Indians, they'd say and that's the best answer they gave 'em. And that's all I was sayin' that we didn't have anyone to stand up for us and claim that and that's where they did claim--around St. Louis, why we not gonna pay for St. Louis. They said, we were there, but we already left there they said. Well, we didn't have nobody to stand up for us. Then they moved us out farther and they said that there was some of these other Indians come in there and south, see, Caddo's and some other tribes. And they said, why they was occupying part of Arkansas. Well, then they cut that off. Ever hearing why they'd cut off some lands. Then finally, the way I figured it, they must a figured the lawyers, well, if we keep on, they might jest not want to get nothin'. Just so they--then finally they started talkin' 'bout compromise, well then they compromise for this twelve million acres, so they said they figured that was about a third of what they filed for, so they, they was gonna take--they took that, so that's, so we lost that land,