

to go must have been pretty hard, wasn't it?)

Yeah. There was some people that could build those wagons.

(Just wagons and stagecoaches, then, was the only public transportation then?)

Yeah. And I know after I was grown that was they that they travel across the country. I have seen covered wagons come through going across the country.

I've seen a wagon come through down in the east there, and had a big old

white sheet, and had wrote up on the side, took poke berries, and wrote up

on the side. . . "Oklahoma or Bust." And so in a few years there's one

that come back through and said "Busted." ((laughter)) You could just ima-

gine what you wanted to see and if start and look you would find what you

was hunting for. And all this day and age jokes just as long as has been,

cause the people who had them, they start those things for a joke, and they

was people would travel through and they'd get them kind of things, they hate

to see, just like these companies, you'd be going in front of these stores,

and if you didn't have the money or something they wanted, you couldn't buy

nothin'. People just, they figured if they take it, well we'll live. And

so that's that way, they took it from the poor people, and the other people

took it from them. And that's what they called the outlaws.

BEGINNING OF LOCAL OUTLAWS

These outlaws they didn't take from the people that worked for it. All

they wanted was a horse to ride. And so if you had a good horse, and they

rode one down, why, they'd just trade their rode-down horse for your good

horse, and if you didn't have a horse, why, they'd take a mule. So it didn't

make any difference. Transportation is what they wanted. There was an old

man lived right out southwest of town here, that was one of the last outlaw

bunch that was in this part of the country. They robbed the passenger train,