

for County Commissioner. I always wanted a bridge down there, you know.

(They sure needed one down there.)

I finally got up and I got after the county commissioner to build the bridge, you know. And they wouldn't do nothing. I finally got four or five and find out when County Commissioners meet and haul them over there. Haul them over there and they'd beg the county commissioner and never could get the thing done. So I just got out ran for county commissioner myself. I won the darn thing! And I got a bridge over there.

(Well, that bridge has been a life saver for this community.)

Oh yeah, it's the best thing ever was. But it's going down and the commissioners won't do a thing in the world! Could hardly keep it floored. They won't paint it or nothing. We have sent in a petition, got names from all around here.

(Well, there's certainly nothing but proper that that bridge was named for you because I know you worked hard to get it.)

Well, if it hadn't been for me it wouldn't been there, I know that because I worked at it. Lost a lot of sleep. And I tell you the county sommissioner, we didn't have much money. I just had to build it myself. I spent a lot of my own money. The other boys wouldn't help me. The other two commissioners didn't want it, you know.

(They didn't have to pay to use it when they travel it.)

That's right, it was all up to me. I took an awful chance to build it myself.

(not clear) This first one, it washed out. I don't know if you ever saw it or not, did you?)

(No.)

It was a narrow bridge, it was a light bridge. The bannister on it was made of 2 x 4's. Pine and 2 x 4 little pine bannister.

(That was the first bridge in this country. Was it on Highway 33, now?)

Yeah. And they built one at Salina. Barnes built that one at Salina. Then