

(Uh-huh.)

And it was up on the hill, from where it is now. It was on top of the hill and old man run that by the name of Lige Wilson. He was an old man then. And he run it till, oh, I don't know how long. He eventually died. Then they put the store down under the hill there.

(Uh-huh.)

Post Office.

(Hum-m.)

CONVICTS FROM FT SMITH USED TO BUILD RAILROADS

They worked a lot of convicts on that road.

(Yeah.)

And my dad used to take me and my brother. When we didn't have stuff to do, over there across the creek where they was working, building this railroad, to show us about how these convicts had to work.

(Uh-huh.)

And they would have big long spurs on some of them, buckled on their leg where they couldn't run.

(Yeah.)

And then they had a chain around lots of them. Locked around his leg there.

And (not clear) big old iron ball, about that big.

(Hum-m-m.)

Maybe the chain would be fifteen feet long. And they'd have to work out the length of the chain. And then they'd have to come back and pick the ball up and take it out there. And set it down, and work on.

(Well.)

That's the way they were working. Lots of them. And there's course lots of guards with them too.