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Right in the Smoky Mountains.

(Well.)

In the trial there was seven of 'em. Right around a big table and they was trying this guy. Well, they had all the evidence. So, this nurse-- I wanted to see the nurse, that's how come me to go up there. (Inaudible) and the rest of 'em that same thing. They sat there with a blank face. This one man done all the talking.

(Well, what do you know.)

It was a funny thing, and in the outcome he had to pay for them chickens. And if they caught him a-doing that, he got into anything else, he was going to have to stand trial in a white court.

(Yeah.)

But he had stole these chickens from this nurse that-I was going with. Out in a little old place there and stole them. But he--you know, he was pretty badly worked up about that.

(Well.)

Being tried.

(Yeah.)

Course, you know, they expel him.

JUDGE PARKER CALLED HANGING JUDGE

(Well, by the way, did they have trials in the early days? Or court or anything in any part of Craig County, Indian Territory, then?)

Yeah, you know, we had the Cherokees had a--they'd have some court of some kind. I don't know much about that, but before statehood we were under the Arkansas law.