

appointment. Delegates from the five civilized Nations at Muskokee in December last held a conference with a full Delegation of the Indians invited to be present and after ample and free discussion the Indian Delegates declared themselves opposed to any change whatever in the existing Indian Status with the U. S. Government and declined to take any step or make any move whatsoever directly or indirectly including change or modification in existing treaties. When the commissioners returned to Washington they recommended that congress pass a Territorial Bill for the Indian Territory and among other objectionous features that the Governor of the proposed new Territory be appointed by the President of the U. S. Congress made several strong efforts last winter to pass a Territorial Bill but our own Delegates assisted by those of our neighboring Nations filed earnest protests against all such unfriendly moves and frustrated the schemes of the Territorial party for the time being--the senate committee however reported a Territorial Bill and strongly urged its passage. It has been laid over to be taken up this winter and we have information that the strife will be reopened vigorously and that eminent danger threatens our integrity as Indian Nationalities.

The chief cause of these continued aggressions upon our Treaty rights and the unceasing introduction of these hostile