

(Did you like it out there?)

Well, I didn't think I did. But after I got back out here I had the Arizona fever and I just couldn't stay away from there and I went back.

(Then you stayed quite a while the next time, didn't you?)

Yes, I worked for the Safeway packing house, after I went back. Worked for them three or four years. I was operating machinery there, in the packing house. Well, which I had operated some in Armour's packing house in Oklahoma City before I went there off and on. I should have stayed in Oklahoma City. I would have been better off.

LIFE AND WORK IN ARIZONA - PIMA COTTON

(Well, who knows, maybe the travels prepared you--)

The last seven or eight years I went to work for Cotton Oil Company in Phoenix, Arizona. And now that was the best job and the easiest job and more money that I made in my life. Cotton Oil Mills Company.

(Is that close to where they have that Pima cotton?)

Yeah, right in there, yes it is. Grow Pima cotton down here don't they get oil from the surplus? You see they would take this and press the oil out of it and they would--they feed the hulls, the cotton seed hull and the cakes. They haul it and they grind it up and they take the seed and grind it up. Take the meat out of the seed and mash it up. Then they take what is mashed up and cook it for so long a time. Then after they cook it for a little while they get the oil out of it. Now that is something interesting to me, what I was working for was to get to work in the laboratory in order to test all the protein and oh, the different things they used in the laboratory. But I never did get that far, I just got to be Mill operator. But that was--they built one of the largest--one of the most modern equipped in mills there was in the United States. One of the largest in Arizona.

(In Pima, Arizona?)