

(They don't get paid much do they?)

No. Then at the ice plant where I was working we had to fix them a place in the big tin building. Furnished them a place to sleep and everything like that. But we had to cooperate with immigration officers a whole lot, by them being shipped in.

(Did you keep an eye on them when they went back at night?)

Yeah. Whenever they got through working, they had to send 'em back to see they all went back. But after they got away from that, we weren't responsible for them.

(They'd try to stay?)

Oh yeah, a lot of them didn't want to go back. They were making more money there than they would be in Old Mexico. Some of them were pretty hard to get along with. Still, I didn't have no trouble with them.

(Do you think it was because they didn't understand English?)

Yes, that's right.

(Language barrier. You were speaking Chickasaw and they were speaking Mexican or Spanish.)

No. I always tried to talk to them in English (Laughter) There's lots of them I enjoyed being with and some that I didn't. It's just like everybody else. You see people you like, some are not friendly and some are groudy, all such as that. Like everybody else. I got along with all of them.

(While you were working out there, did you notice white people being prejudiced about Indians.?)

No, no, because there are so many Indians there. Seems like they really went for the Indians, most old Indians and white people. Because there were so many Indians coming from eastern Oklahoma or from Oklahoma out there.

(To work--was there a lot of Cherokees?)

Oh, yes. All tribes. The five tribes mostly.

(Five civilized tribes mostly.)