

back then? Did the Indian people suffer a great deal during that period?  
The Cherokees? When it didn't rain for so long. So many people were leaving  
here and going out to California and all that?)

That was when the drought something like that?

(Un-hum. It was a long drought.)

That was long about '34--'36--'34-5--about '37 I guess. About 4 years.

(Were there any soup lines or anything?)

Well--

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(That was right after the depression, wasn't it?)

Un-hun. We didn't have to go. Maybe some of them did.

(Well did Indian people have a--did Cherokees have a check back then that  
they got?)

No.

(Didn't have anything, huh?)

That old age pension started back in '36 I think--'37.

(Un-huh. So they didn't have any welfare? And they didn't have any--)

Well there was a little I think through the agency. He used to come around  
us once in a while. About once every two or three months.

(If they saw somebody hard up, would they do anything about this?)

Yeah, they'd give you a can of beer, something like that.

(Wouldn't they give you a big order of groceries if they thought--?)

No. Not then.

(Not then.)

Maybe they did some places, I don't know.

(They'd, the agents would come around in cars or--?)

No, these were farm agents. I think these were the same as Indian agents,  
I guess.