

didn't it?)

I imagine so.. Yeah it'd been running, I guess quite a little while.

(You reckon the Indian people helped build that?)

Well I don't know if I've ever heard them say who done it. I guess they did work on it. There's some white guys when I come here working on the section. I mean the boss was a white man and he had two or three colored boys working over there. I worked about three weeks over there with them. He didn't fire me or nothing. They fired him, the boss. He left and they got some new hands. About all there was to it.

POORLY PAID WORKERS--INCIDENTS

(Did they pay very much back then?)

Ah-h, seem like it was fifty cents an hour or something like that.

(Hu-huh). You made about four dollars a day.)

Yeah, three and a half, four dollars--something like that.

(That's pretty good money though for then wasn't it?)

It was good then. It'd take four dollars then what you buy for eight or ten now. One time an old man went in a store down there and bought him a few groceries. He was buying there when it was cheap you know. He was carrying them home you know. He lived kind of out from town. Well he went back down there after--again begin to come up that way. And he thought, said, "I must be getting a lot stouter than I was. Used to I couldn't hardly carry four or five dollars worth of groceries. Now I can get eight or ten and carry them home easy."

(Laughter)

(Makes a difference in how many or how much he's carrying home.)

I know there's an old man there used to talk to himself all the time.

Now this is so--sure enough.

(Oh it is!)