

But they didn't have these nice roads laid out in the early days, did they?)
No, we didn't. Got across the country any place.

(Yeah.)

The roads that they had that most people traveled were between towns.
They had gone go through here to Pryor.

(Yeah.)

Road out that a way, east to Claremore.

MAKING RAILS TO REPLACE FENCES BURNED BY PRAIRIE FIRE

(Well, now after you got out of this woody country here were there big prairies bout between here and Pryor?)

Well, yes there was prairies.

(There was prairies.)

See them over these hills when you go from country. Prairie like.

(I noticed way down^{south} here back towards Pryor, Chouteau they had a big grass fire. Did they have grass fires in those early days, too?)

Oh, had lots of them--every year.

(My goodness. Burnt up something, I guess.)

Lot of people, I know we did, had rail fences.

(Yeah.)

And we'd lose a lot of rails every year. We'd have to make rails to replace the fence. Most we ever made at one time--me and my brother made fifteen hundred rails.

(1500 rails!)

Built fence.

(Those wood fires then really cost a fellow then?)

They did! They didn't take long to make. We had good timber to make them out of.

(Oh yeah.)

(What kind of wood did you use--tree?)