JAILS AND COURT TRIALS

(Were there any jails around here?)

Yeah. They had a jail over there. It's been there for years. It rotted down I guess.

(At the agency?)

Uh-huh.

(Did the Indian police bring in people to put in jail?)

Yeah, if they had to they would put them in jail.

Fay: I guess I've got pictures of Indians in Federal Jail. I've asked some of the old timers and they don't know. I imagine they have some kind of law. If I'm not mistaken this fellow that's settin' down is John Durham. He was the U.S. Marshall. I don't know the other two.

(Did they have to go to trial?)

Oh yeah, they had federal court. Sometimes they would have to go to Vinita, sometimes they would go to Miami. They would have federal trials over there. Judge would come from Vinita up there. Bonnie Soper, he was clerk, court clerk. That old Judge Gillam now he was the sorriest looking man that I ever looked at. Had me subpoended over there one time. Had a feller arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, and I'd sold this feller the gun. And ah, got into it up at a dance here up in the Modocs one night. This feller pulled the gun, he wasn't going to shoot it, he just pulled it. Well, they had him arrested for carrying concealed weapons. So, they had me on the witness stand. They got through with me and the old Judge Gillam says, "What kind of gun was it?" "Was it one of little vest pocket guns?" I said I didn't know, if your vest pocket was big enough you could carry it. (Laughter) He said you're excused. (Laughter) But that's something I never did carry, I never did carry a pistol. I've owned them but I never did carry one.