

(Who was that?)

Collier. He was sh - I don't remember just what--

Third party: John Collier.

Yeah.

(Commissioner of Indian Affairs?)

Yeah. Yeah, he was the big boy on the committee, commission, yes. But he came down here and we had a meeting up here at, ah, I don't know-- Was you up there, Bob? When they had this meeting at the college up here when Collier was here?

Bob: No--I wasn't.

Well, he brought up a couple of, he brought up a couple of blanket Indians from the Osage country. And they was really in the blankets and all. And he was going to do this and that and the other with us, and put us back on our-back on reservations, you know, and just rehashed the whole thing. Well, Brother Ray was there at the time, and of course, he was corporation lawyer and we, we didn't go over--didn't give over, by any means, because we were passed that stage and we didn't have no, we didn't have any--well, I doubt at that time, if we had over a half a dozen, if we had that many Indians that could speak your language. I doubt it very much. No. I've ah, I've seen a whole lot in this man's country.

HE IS PROUD OF THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN THE AREA

See, we used to have, used to have our courts here, the government has-- federal court. Federal court here in Miami. Later, but first, we were under the Kansas and Arkansas law, you see, and the territory was, at the time. Well, we had all, all the courts we had, we had to go to Vinita if we had any