

then from that time on I began to write. You know, just here and there. I eventually got at least 40% Indian people to vote.

(Well that's a good change.)

Yes it is.

(What do you think that Indian people--I've found it true in a lot of these places, they don't get involved in their local communities. Can you think of any reason why they don't like their P.T.A., their civic groups, their Chamber of Commerce or go into business for themselves? Why don't they get involved in the life of the community?)

Well, just like this business, they're going and ask for a job. All right there's as much difference between daylight and dark as the Indian if he goes up there and ask for a job. "Well I don't know just what we got." Well he just give it up, go and don't come back.

(Won't come back.)

Some had, some Indians working at this Housing project. I just begged and cried on the contractors and the boss and got some that went to work. But they don't ask for anything. When can I have it? Or what can I do? Instead of it being pushed they are against it, other men get the work. I know of a man that's a good bulldozer man. He's a good heavy equipment operator, I know. But he and (not clear) they wanted to work. "What can you do?" "Well I don't know, I can drive bulldozer." "Well, can you do it?" "I think I can." That's the way they'll do it. All right you take the next man, a non-Indian. "Yeah! I can do this." And do that. All right he's hired.

(Indian might have been a better operator than him.)

Yes, uh-huh.

(Just couldn't push himself.)

No, couldn't push himself. That's darn fault of the Indian--I say Indian--I don't say only Choctaw people.

(That would be against anybody that didn't have enough confidence.)