

and I had a seizure of coronary thrombosis or you could call it cardiac trouble, had trouble with my heart, so I had to slow down. So, it's been off and on for me as a working man from then on til I guess about 1965 or 1966.

(Well, Luke, actually you probably wouldn't have lost your leg if there had been work here and you hadn't had to go out of state to look for work, would you?)

That's right.

COMMENTS ABOUT ACCIDENT

(Didn't you tell me that you all were real tired and you were sleeping in the car, you were with your feet out the window and they had a wreck. The boy went to sleep at the wheel, or how was that?)

Yes, yes. The fellar that haul a bunch of workers from around here at Tahlequah, I think he left on Thursday or Wednesday night, I believe it was, they said and he didn't get to sleep or rest all day that next day to Colorado, which is about 573 miles from here and he didn't get rest that Wednesday night, Thursday night and Friday night. - So instead of getting sleep, he was picking up a load back and he caught me on the load--on the way back and caught my brother also, you know, just a ride back home. He gave him ten dollars and--

(You all would always try to come in on the weekends, huh?)

Yes, uh-huh. And he was so tired that he--early Friday--I mean Saturday morning when this accident happened, we were tired working all two weeks at the broomcorn that we just--my brother and I was in the back seat and there were three boys in the front, so early Saturday morning about 5:30 a.m. it happened. First thing I knew, we were hitting a ditch and a fence and a big highline pole and my brother was sitting in the back with me and my foot, right foot went through the back seat and the front door, there's a little hole there and I had my shoes off and when he hit that ditch, the fence and a big highline pole, well my foot was wedged