

Missouri, the Nez Perce, the Tonkawas, Pawnees, and Poncas, two million hundred twelve thousand acres of land. It's story is now involved in a piece of litigation and we have just finished the writing and filing of the briefs for the Cherokee people and filed them in the Indian Claims Commission. It was a spin-off from the older outlet case which Marty was kind enough to mention. The Court there decided that we have not only a valid lawsuit, and they wanted to give us a judgement at that time and did for the value of six million acres of our property, but they determined from the evidence from the case that this Osage property and the property taken from us and given to the other little tribes, was taken from us at a date earlier than the six million acres which constituted the subject and object of the famed Oklahoma Run. The date of the taking of the Osage tract and these other tracts was March the fourteenth, excuse me, June the fourteenth, 1884, whereas the six million acres for which we recovered judgement and have been paid for, we proved that taking took place, the 29th of December here in Tahlequah, 1891. So the courts said back there in April of 1961, "We'll give the Cherokees the judgement now for the six million acres based upon the proof of the value of the land when it was taken in 1891." Which they attorneys have produced here. But as to this other land that was taken in 1884, in June 14th, we will ask the tribal attorneys to come back at a later date and produce the proof to show its value as of the date of the taking, 1884. We've done that. We've briefed it, and we'll argue the case within a few weeks and we'll submit it to the court for decision. We confidently expect a victory in the case which you know all about, that lawsuit, and let's not talk about that tonight.

Let's let our minds go back to the time when Thomas Jefferson, who loved the Cherokees like Washington, they respected him very highly, suggested to the Cherokees "You're good people, you are good people.