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HARD TIMES

It was hard wasn't it. Around 1905 I use to watch them build railroad tracks and I sold them berries. I sold them 25¢ a gallon. 1905 or 1904 railroad came through here. It was about time they gave the Indians land.

JOBS FOR INDIANS

(What do you think about these days now?)

Well, I think they are mistreating lots of young people sending them off to war. There's a lot of white.

(Do they help you good in old age?)

Yes, I get help good in pension. If I didn't I'd been barefoot with long toe nails like long ago.

(You think Indians are treated right?)

Yes, they are paying them high wages in places. They said we Indians may be sent to Mexico but I heard they couldn't grow nothing there. King of Mexico wanted Indians sell their land and come there but I heard negroes were there in that place, we wouldn't want that.

(You wish there were jobs around here?)

Yes, 'cause these Indians that goes way off to work is not right 'cause if there's death or sickness we can't see them. I wish they didn't have to go so far away.

(Did you ever see a white doctor?)

Yes, they said I'd get cripple in my arm and it hurts me quite a bit. I worked at McAlester one time and I went to white doctor there.

(You said you drank a lot, did the white people mistreat you?)

No. I use to keep white boys at my house. One married my sister.

(Did the Indians use to help one another?)

Yes, if it's a chief or stomp dance they use to help him a lot too.