

people want. It's not doing what we want because there's no one who shows up and shows any interest, then, they just go on and do what they want to do. This thing is a rough thing. These Osage people who has these rights are the ones talking about it.

(Well, don't you think, Sylvester, that we come right down to it, they try some times do what they can? What I say, it is just like that Johnson sitting up there, now he had to approve about everything you fellows do, doesn't he?

No, he don't. He is--he don't have to--well, that is--the way I want to say this is that--really, the council is a governing power. I mean, he can't give any orders whatever. Now, there is 1934 Act in regards to tribal employees and any council in the whole United States can go to the Secretary of the Interior and get permission to hire and fire any Federal employee in the office. Now, you have never heard of this thing, and I never heard of it until August last year.

Douglas Shannon says, "Now, this is what the law is." And I've got it in there. These people can do that, but there's only about 3 people on that council that knew what the law was, and that was Mr. Pitts, Mr. Martin, and the Superintendent. Now, we could have a long time ago, the council could have gotten permission and we could have got rid of any employees. It says also in that law that the Senator and the Congressmen are responsible to their constituents. If we would have any trouble, we could go right to the Congressmen and to the Representatives and we could get things done. Now, I have not been satisfied with the way the Minerals division has been run. Mr. Dodge tried to do something about it, and he was the one that brought up this staff