

progressed, certainly, as well as it could have or should have perhaps. For that reason we've got to come in to a more planning area and development area with the tribe and I think we're right at the beginning of that this particular year, since this is the first year that they've let us elect a chief. And I know at this particular time, this election campaign is going on and the number of young Choctaws as well as others very interested in trying to become head of the tribe. And if this succeeds or even if we retain the chief we have, Mr. Belvin, I feel that he will become much more knowledgeable about what they really want after the campaigns than he has been before. I'm not for sure that he didn't always know about the broad involvement that is needed, has not really existed for them there in Oklahoma.)

MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAWS UNDER TRIBAL ORGANIZATION WITH I R A SINCE 1934

Mr. Martin: I believe that you are right. I don't know how the tribal organization is set up, but we're organized under the IRA of 1934. And, as you say, we have a strong--we have a base, a land base, the tribal organization requires a democratic process of election. So, we have a lot more, I guess, a lot more easier to get our people involved, our organization is recognized by government and its legal entity. And it has powers as any governmental organization so, how well you develop or utilize your powers is how well you make progress, in my opinion. And I believe that till the Choctaws in Oklahoma really get concerned and have an opportunity for a democratic government its going to be slow for them too.

OKLAHOMA CHOCTAWS SLOW TO ORGANIZE BUT THERE IS PROGRESS

(Very definitely, and you take rank and file Choctaws in Oklahoma and he feels this. I sense this and I believe this I've lived among them all