

in a position to employ legal counseling. Legal counselors could go into research, complete research into those days and times. Because, you just don't take all this land away from people without making mistakes. And we know that there were mistakes made. The problem is, everybody knows it, but you have to prove it in a legal sense, that's the way out in the name of progress. I believe that if we could go make a complete research, I'm sure there are some legal grounds in which to go back into court with. I don't know why at that time they couldn't bargain or they were not able to set aside an area for Indians, for Choctaws. But I guess the pressure was too strong. They were dealing with the army, hoodlums and everybody else, state governments, federal governments, so they were definitely on the losing end, without very little bargaining points other than moral in legal ownership of land also. So really all of this was designed to steal the land from the Choctaw in the name of justice or in the name of legality all that kinda we're all familiar with that. So I think that's about the only thing I know of that we could do if we had the resources, is to go make another research and come back in court with. Now, as far as, one time before my time around forty, when the Indian Claims Commission was set up to allow Indian tribes to make claims, this group here made a claim. Parts of the Dance Rabbit Creek which very little consideration was given us, I think they awarded us something like five hundred-thousand dollars, a drop in the bucket type of consideration. But the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma intervened even in this, and that was also wiped out. So legally, one group of legal people find that we do have some claims here, which others have over-ruled. So I'm not satisfied with the so-called