

the carrying charges. But he's got another renter up here. He's got a peanut allotment. He and his sister, Helen, they get it together. Sometimes they make good, and sometimes they don't. Alright, this lease man is going to the bank and borrowing hundred dollars, every time...every three months he has to pay hundred dollars. And he borrows money, because he's getting grade rent over here. In the fall, he'll get that money...Now is the office people knew that, they'd just rare up! This office people isn't helping nobody! You go to that office, you can't get nothing done in a day! They'll set you there, set you there, till you just give up!

I went over there...I'm sixty-eight now...to that social security. That social security told me, no, you're not entitled to it. Not till you're sixty-eight. Well, I'm sixty-eight now! I don't get nothing from the social security or old age or nothing. I took the man over there...he's sixty-five, and he's going to be sixty-six the twenty-first of this month...no, we can't do nothing for you.

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(Why is that?)

They said we had to be working first. But I know some Indians that's drawing that old age, and that social security. They won't even give me that (old age). I'm sixty-eight now. They got a social security office...he comes every Monday, and we've gone three different times...at the Indian agency...by the road there, on this side. On the area office. We've gone there, and gone there, and can't get nothing done. So we just have to get by! How are you going to get by when you aren't working?

(Why can't you get some kind of help from the welfare here in the County?)

They will not do it! You got to sell all your land! You got to sell your land, and they take this money, and they put it in the office, and you use this money. And they use this money... it's not the welfare, it's your own money. You use this money, till you get it all spent, and your land is all gone. Then the welfare comes in and helps you. People don't know what goes on at this office!