

there. Alright, they'll work awhile, they'll lay them off. Alright, there they are. Who's going to help them out. They have to come back home. Instead of, you know, just letting them keep their job, they get laid off. And there they are. And what they going to do.

(What about the state employment office. Do they help Indians, too?)

No, they,...I don't think so. They mostly all in Oklahoma City. I don't think they got one in Anadarko. I never heard about it. Just those that get thrown in jail, sit in jail, they get to work. Those that are put in the city, they go on work details. They go out and work. They don't get paid for that, just days. Then, at the county, some of them are trustees. They can go out and work. But they don't pay them. They just give them days. You see a big truckload of Indians (during the fair), they don't get paid. Give them days. Willing to work because they want to get out of jail. But they don't get money.

(Ethel, what about working chopping cotton. Is there any place that a person can go to find out about that kind of work.)

They do not have choppers any more. All machinery. Ain't nobody chopping. I used to chop. I worked in broom corn, I worked in peanuts, I worked hard in my hard, just work hard. Because I couldn't get no help at the office. We really used to work hard. I said this is one Indian here worked hard, all my life. Because we had a bunch of kids, had to be fed and clothed, and we had to get out there and work. So that's how come our two oldest boys know how to work. But our youngest one, we couldn't take him out and teach him how to work, when we got too old.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(What do the county commissioners do for the Indians?)

Oh, yea. He used to go to our commissioner, George Nixon. He used to get groceries, you know, about seven dollars. But now he's got so way up there. He sent word over to him, Joe wants to see you. I don't want to see him. He just walked off and that was it! Yes, that's the kind of treatment Indians get. And Indians kept this man in as commissioner. The Indians put