

all the time and discuss allotment--what kind of things would they say about it?)

Well, what they talked about mostly--I was there all the same--I was about 8 years or 7 years old--was that the government was going to settle the Indians. See that the Indians got cattle. After the cattlemen took out their cattle--see, our country was all leased to cattle associations--the cattlemen had to take their cattle out. Then the Cheyennes and Arapahoes were given cattle. And they would raise their horses and mules and would farm. They were given harness, wagons, tools, cultivators, plows. They was to settle down. And they would have overseers come out and help them learn farming and how to plant and getting seed from all those things. That's what those things they discussed. They talk about that. And they was going to give us all that land that we didn't (get)--it's all in here (this document). All that land we didn't allot would be settled. We could live among white people. So we would get money for the surplus lands--which we did get a million and a half for about ten million acres, which was figured out to be about six cents an acre, when they offered us a dollar and a quarter an acre. That is, they promised us--they assured us that we'd get a dollar and a quarter an acre. But it comes in round figures, definite figures, when counted, to about six cents an acre. And the attorneys got most of that. These claims attorneys you see mentioned claimed they represented the Indians, they got sixty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars of our million and a half. They didn't do nothing. They went on the white man's side. The governor's side. They were ex-Agent. Miles was the third agent here, and Crawford was a later Agent, and Reynolds was a Colorado man that came down here. He'd been fleecing the Indians before in La Junta, Colorado, and he came down and formed an association of these lawyers, and I learned that none of them ever practiced law.

(You said he'd been fleecing Indians before?)

MIXED BLOODS GIVEN ALLOTMENTS WITH CHEYENNES AND ARAPAHOES

Yeah. He had a store. He and some of his relatives had a