

ble word)--they're not Indians. They're up to something." So to be positive, these ranchers had their gates locked--big ranches. Well, anyway a few days after that they found them gates were open. Their locked gates. So then they said, well, these Indians--these fellows that professed to be Indians -- they said, "We ain't gonna kill the root. We just gonna take the top off -- the part that we use." Which is right. So then from that time on I heard--Shannon told me that the governor told him himself that one lawyer--"If the Indians would come and get it, we'd expect them to grub the whole root out--the whole herb. And not just the top." Well, Shannon asked him, he said, "You mean to say that you want us to clean all this peyote clean--completely out of your country so that the natives won't have nothing to come for after that?" Otherwise, I told him to tell them this, before that, and he told them, he said, "My good friend that furnished me this scientific report, told me that seventeen Indians states from north, northwest and west--they come in pilgrimage to Texas and bring their money, their cars and their families every year--maybe twice a year. Spend their money in hotels and restaurants and filling stations and clothing stores and curio stores. They all come and bring all their money here. We do that here in Oklahoma--about thirty tribes of us." I said, "Don't Texas want the trade? Don't they want tourist business?" He said, "We didn't think of that." Well I told him, I said, "You better think of it. Because if you clean out--if you don't let us come here we can go to Mexico. We can go to Old Mexico and get our peyote." So that kind of weakened the--But they told him, "Now we're gonna have --rules." I told him "There's lots more, Congress--for instance, Shannon, you tell them this. Jed Johnson who's been our faithful congressman from the sixth District--I sat in the hearing in that appropriation bill. Appropriation for departmental money, and he told Mr. Skagg that hereafter there will be no money appropriated for against peyote. And whatever that money always amounted to, he said now we're gonna shift it to marijuana. Suppressing of marijuana instead of peyote. Because peyote is not harmful to Indians. We've proved that." So that's the way the bill went, and I said, "I got a slip of page of that here somewhere." Which I have. I told him to tell that, and he told me he told them. And they said they'd like to see those things, and he said, "That man, Rowledge, got all them things. He studied, and went to--"And I told him this, too