

(I just look around and see any number of farms have disappeared. And there was none to take their place. So it has held its place--it's more like it was 60 or 70 years ago.)

Well, this Coal company has got the biggest part of this country now.

(I guess they've got everything leased, they've prespected east of here, west of here, south of here and now they're going right out that country up there. They're going right straight towards Centralia. In fact, they're within about three or four miles of there now.)

Well, they're building a railroad, a spur right up here, about a mile and a half up the road--building a spur right straight up through there. And I've got a hold of a little old picture--one of the kids--grandkids brought it over here, said that was the kind of a coal shovel they was using back east. They give it to me and said, why I believe they said they could dig a hundred and seventy five feet--throw dirt 195 feet high. And the boys was tellin' how much dirt it could pick up at one time, and I was talking to one of my neighbors that used to be out there by us, he lives in town too, now, and he just sold his. He had 25 acres and every bit of it had coal under it. And he said, "Well, I shore did". He said, "Well, I ought to go back and buy that place back," said, "One of these days, it will make me a lot of money." (Laughter) I said, "Yes, you could do that too." (Laughter) Today--well, you can hear 'em shootin' nearly ever evening here--

(Yeah, I noticed them strip mining up there on that old Lee Fork Ranch on the west end of it, they got that ground all dug up there.)

Well, I read a tale in the Tulsa World one time about him, and he was the first depositor in one of them banks up there. I don't know what bank it was, said it opened up for business and long about three o'clock, he rode in and put what money he had it was all in gold.

(Craig County?)