

I guess. Finally, got a settlement for some of 'em. Finally, got the Big Coal settlement. They'll settle 'em some of these days. No telling when. They was supposed to do that, according to the plan they set that up, to hear all these suits up there. There is three of 'em on there, they to be set and wind up in five years. Well that's been 20 years ago or more. I noticed awhile back he appointed two more to hear these lawsuits. (Words not clear) Don't know how many years before they'll settle them.

(You know the thing I regret, is the delay in how long it is taking, you know to settle some of it, is that the elderly full bloods are really in need. And I'd rather that they'd have the money and the help than 50 years later when their heirs who may be an eighth or a sixteenth and won't need it maybe.)

Mrs. Oaks: And there'd be 25 or more to share one part maybe.

(Uh-huh)

Mrs. Oaks: It won't be a drop in the bucket by that time whereby maybe earlier it might have helped.

TREATMENT BY WELFARE PEOPLE

(I guess in the last couple of weeks or so, I've talked with three or four Choctaw women in their eighties who live alone - a couple of 'em had been totally blind and one now blind in one eye - and another one was a diabetic and blind in one eye. And these women live alone. Now see they need help now, you know. And I guess people could say, well, there's a hospital they could go to, you know. But I can understand that they'd rather live at home and they're not really sick enough to be in a hospital. They need some medication and some care - but it's just kinda heartbreaking to see them in the state they are in.)

Mrs. Oaks: And there are others besides those.

(Uh-huh.)

Mr. Oaks: And their houses are not modern, and no car, no way to get around.

Mrs. Oaks: And they just done the best they could with what they had to do with. Well, one old woman lived alone and she fell. From what she said, she went around the foot of the bed late at night and she fell. She had a young woman come daytime but nobody stay at night. Just from what she said, she laid there all night till the girl come to work the next morning at 8 o'clock. And she needed help, right then. But she can't get no help. You know this. Relief - this Welfare?

(That's all they have?)

Mrs. Oaks: They just come on eight hour shifts. The rest of the time - the sixteen hours - youre by yourself.

Mr. Oaks: She didn't have no phone and even if she did, she couldn't get to it. She was helpless at that stage.

Mrs. Oaks: Yes. The first of June, any relative of any degree is not permitted to work for anybody on welfare. Now, we've had, for instance, up the street here,