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SIDE B

--they say that keeps the snake from crawling over you--getting to you--a hair rope. About that big around--twenty-four feet long. Just enough to throw around away from us.

(Did it always work?)

It always worked.

(Where did you get those hair ropes?)

The Mexicans used to make them. I bought one for four dollars from a boy that was quitting out there at Shamrock one year. I kept it for years. And sometimes we'd hobble ponies that we weren't used to and couldn't trust--at night.

(How much did you make when you worked as a cowboy?)

The most I ever made was eighteen dollars a month. Of course they fed us. But the best thing in the morning was your black coffee! In the chuck wagon. Yeah! Besides your pony. Those two were your best friends.

(Your pony and your black coffee. How long did you work out there?)

Oh, 1897 and 1898. In 1899 I worked all summer from May to September. Of course I worked at Darlington school herding cattle--school cattle. Mostly milk cows and calves. And sometimes in that big pasture there where Concho is now we kept the main herd there, and I was assigned to go out there twice a week, to see if there was any dropping of calves. I'd come back and report. At that time we were raising Holstein cattle. And two or three wagons would go out there, and we'd catch the cows and load the calves on and we drive the cows back to the Agency where we kept them for milk cows.

(How did you happen to get that job as a cowboy out there?)