

that I had to study for the examination. During the four years that I was county attorney, I tried and was very successful. I had the good help from the district judge, who was a fine lawyer. Some of the best lawyers in Oklahoma, tried cases, defended cases while I was county attorney and, of course, I was the one that did the prosecuting. In 1926 they struck oil up at Seminole, and I resigned the office of county attorney and formed a partnership with Arthur Criswold. Our offices were across the street from the court house. During the last 8 months of 1926, I made more money in the practice of law than I had in the entire four years I was in the county attorney's office. I remember an Indian boy, and his name was Sherman Mulpin, was charged with murder, and Lance Dole was the sheriff. He and I went down to investigate this killing which happened on Little River, south of Seminole. We found out who it was, and went to his uncle, Timmie Harjo, and told him that we came after Sherman. He says, "He's not here now, but he will come." The sheriff told Timmie what to - bring him in when he came to his house, and the next morning he did. I called Bill Stokes and told him that Sherman wanted to hire him, and that he was in my office. Mr. Stokes came up - and waved preliminary hearing - I filed a - the complaint in the district court, agreed that he was entitled to bail, and Mr. Stokes made his bond. At the first term of court, we tried this case and much to my surprise the jury brought back a verdict of guilty of murder. I knew all of the facts and felt like the penalty was more than was justified. So I called Mr. Stokes and told him that I'd agree to let him have a new trial if he'd enter a plea of guilty for Sherman and let him serve four years at the penitentiary. He did that. Sherman stayed until his term expired in the penitentiary, came back and never, as far as I know violated any law there-