

(How do they work it when they put that Thunderbird Lake in over there?)

East of Norman?

(Yeah. Did the Indian people own land in there?)

Sure!

(Did they come out o.k. on that?)

Some of them didn't want to sell. They just made them sell. The government condemn that land and said they had to sell it. I bet you one thing that we will see before the years from now, you'll see lots of oil wells right in that water. You just watch and see.

(What kind of price did they get on that land?)

Not much. There's whole families that own quite a bit of land down in there parts there and they were just forced to sell and now they ain't got nothing.

But it's the Indians themselves that don't take for them. They don't see about those things. Just about ---I had argument with this game warden here: I tell him

—(edited out by interviewer. Two minutes and seven seconds))

(If an Indian man had a hundred acres of land all in his name, could he sell it?)

Yeah, he could sell it. Now supposed you have 60 acres. Supposed there's four or five of you that got interest in that piece of land. Everyone of them got to sign it. On application you ask for patent fee on that land and then when they let you sell it. But they advertise it first for thirty days. The highest bidder gets to buy it. Providing the office think he getting enough. If they don't think he getting enough, they won't see it. I can sign you up agreement to lease you my place. Draw up the contract to last five years. You pay me for five year lease. Have it notarized. The Indian superintendent can come along and pay me for five year lease, want to lease that land to somebody else there ain't a thing in the world you can do about it.

(If I wanted to lease some land from you I would have to go through you and the--)

You would have to go to the office. Explain why you want your lease. Then if it hasn't been advertised, advertised before, have appraisement on it, then they have to send out an appraiser. Go appraise what the place worth in a year.

(What kind of money can be made of leased land?)