

And took charge of the office. And it was the United States Court. I took the clerk of the United States Record. What was left here at Antlers. Oh, a whole stack of them. And I worked day and night, no help at all. Oh, I had a lawyer that lived here, he was Choctaw too. That is he was the County Attorney, he was assisting me some. And I made a good record of I have to say it myself. Stayed there seven years as Court Clerk. Now let me see now here, you wanted some information of the Native Government and maybe I'll like and don't like and so forth-- and I begun to give you my history, my personal history, and I don't know whether you want that or not? It may not be. Anyway, I've been in that court clerk's office off and on. I quit, rather I got defeated. This county was a democratic county, but one time back there in 1920, the people of the county decided they'd better change politics, get us out of office, we'd stayed too long. I stayed in the office seven years, that's too much. Two years, or four years, would have been plenty. But anyhow, I got beat and went out. Next year, well, I got back in as a deputy, stayed there, deputy court clerk, for eight years. And then, that of course changed--the Judge who had appointed me became District Judge, and it was a different county and they had different clerks. And I terminated with that. And I went on until I was some 56 years of age.

HE IS DEFEATED AND TREATED BADLY BY MEN WHO WON WITH SENATOR PAUL STEWART

Mr. Leman, who's an Indian agent, superintendent of Indian Agency at Muskogee. He came to Goodland, we had a meeting in Goodland appoint, select a chief. So I got visitin' with Mr. Lenman and he asked me, said, what are you doin'? I'm diggin' ditch right now. I'm done out of politics. Building an office out here at the highway department, and I applied there and they said, yes, we'll put you to work. And they didn't give me any chance as to what kind of work I wanted. That's regular, I guess, so they say put on your work clothes in the morning