

(Um-huh. But it was a kind of an out of the way place, wasn't it? Did it look like pretty good land for cattle?)

Well, it looked like it was pretty good grazing land in spots. And most of it--the timber part was pines.

(But looking back today, now--do you think it would have been wise--for the Osages to have purchased that place?)

Well, I don't know. It would have been wise for the Osages to buy that place. If they did, why, I imagine they would in a way, if they did, it would brought 'em--well, I don't know whether they would stocked it with cattle or whatever may be. It would have been--it would have been nice if they would had to raise cattle on that place.

(I was thinking--you know, it wouldn't been--it wasn't too far from what they call the area now known as the four corners, which is richly endowed with minerals, such as oil, and uranium, and like that. And it would have been an investment--I mean, you could realize your money could--and out of it at any time. And now that land has taken such a tremendous leap in value, looks to me like it would have been a steal at the price. And--)

It would be sound investment.

(Uh-huh. And then you still had your minerals which you might have gained even more than you would realize. But, whoever led the movement against the purchasing of this property--do--what do you think was the Osages--did they seem to me that they were at the time--are yet--kinda jealous of one another in leadership at that time and--what I mean to say--if it wasn't their idea that they wouldn't hardly go along with it and they were sort of independent. And being that you really had to be an outstanding leader at the time to convince anyone that what you were doing was the right thing, you know.)