

(Uh-huh.)

But they built most of that road. Down through there with convict labor.

(Hum-m.)

'Course back then there was just horses, and picks and shovels to build railroad.

(Let's see that was in Indian territory days.)

Yes, it was.

(Where did those convicts come from?)

Fort Smith.

(Fort Smith. Oh, out of the federal jail down there.)

Yeah. That's where they brought them from Fort Smith. They had it fenced in up there you know. And they stayed every night.

(Uh-hum.)

At the same time they was building it, I think it come from Fort Smith through from the south, through Fort Gibson, and on through Wagoner. I know on up through Claremore, through that way.

(Yeah.)

SAW THE FIRST TRAIN THAT CROSSED AT FORT GIBSON

I seen the first train that ever crossed that bridge there at Fort Gibson.

(Well.)

I bet you they was two hundred people there to see that train cross that bridge.

(Hum.)

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Molly: Well, now Chouteau's an old town. We would go there in a buggy to Chouteau.

(Uh-huh.)