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And people don't understand that, and they don't sympathize with our people when they say, "Well he's just lazy, lay around". They want to do something, but they can't do it. Like my grandson and that other boy that live over here-- they have no skilled labor and the only way they can do...they pull out in the car, went out all over the country, see if they could find a day labor job, haulin' hay or doin' somethin'. You saw they pulled out just as you come in? (Yeah.)

Well, that's the way most of 'em do. Of course, they get in town and get dependent and many of 'em get to drinking--they don't do nuthin' else I guess-- drink and get in trouble. But this new government program that's training for employment is a good deal. I happen to be one of the planners and attended the National Conference of, Man Power Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. That's pretty far. I represented my people, and it's a good thing for them. You see this thing up here? (Show certificate received at 1967 National Conference of Employment for the American Indian) (Judy reads the plaque inscription)

That's one of the greatest conferences that there ever was--600,000 people. Secretary of Labor wirtz was there ~~another~~ and all the federal, state heads, employment bureaus, Indian leaders--It was a wonderful meeting! United States Indian Commissioner was there, and many other cabinet workers, congressmen, and senators. And they're doin' a great thing for our people. There's goin' to be some kinda change now in Indian problems and Indian work. The government have just now waken up and seen into the needs and problems of the American Indian and they have been misjudging them all the time and now they're beginnin' to sympathize with them, find jobs and employment training so they can be helpful to their own government. Now the government, after they realize--get these men trained, give them employment--they pay tax and help our government. And not only help themselves, but they help the government too.

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(Now this that you have written down here...) (referring to his manuscript)