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Interview with Isaac Lorenzo Cook,
Atoka, Oklahoma.

Mr. Cook is a pioneer lawyer of Indian Territory. When he arrived in Atoka, he had \$500.00. He bought a law library and set up an office but no clients came.

Sometime went by and Mr. Cook began to be uneasy. But one morning a man met him on the street and asked him if he was a lawyer and engaged him to attend to some business, giving him a retaining fee of \$25.00. Before the day was over Mr. Cook had \$75.00 in his pocket all earned that day.

Mr. Cook was born and educated in Texas and was admitted to the Bar in that state.

He was the first County Superintendent of Schools in Atoka County after statehood; was representative of Atoka County in the fourth legislature; and served on the committees on Initiative and Referendum, Retrenchment and Reform, Code Revision, Municipal Corporations, Legal Advisory and General Appropriations.

He is one of the foremost business men of Atoka and has held several political offices, such as City Attorney and Mayor of Atoka.

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He has a very large law practice and has been a real
builder of a new country.