

Mr. NORTON. Wouldn't it be better if he would work in the field and make some money and save some of it?

Mr. TOMMY. Yes.

Mr. NORTON. Do you try when you talk to your people—Do you try to get them to work, to take on the ways of the white man?

Mr. TOMMY. If I know the land over there, I can send them over there to work.

Mr. NORTON. We will try to get you some land, and to locate it definitely for you.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that all, Tony?

Mr. TOMMY. Yes; that is all.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Gillin, we will hear you.

STATEMENT OF MR. S. W. GILLIN, OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. You are in the retail lumber business?

Mr. GILLIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Did you make an inspection or investigation of the food supplies in this camp to-day, with the idea of determining just what was on hand?

Mr. GILLIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Will you go ahead and state what you found?

Mr. GILLIN. I found some small sacks of different provisions. I found a little breakfast food known as "Grits," probably 5 pounds in one sack, and two sacks of flour—that is, partial sacks of about 5 pounds in one and possibly 10 pounds in another. I found about a quart of "Crisco" in a half-gallon can.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Some corn meal?

Mr. GILLIN. A little corn meal.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. About how much?

Mr. GILLIN. Probably half a gallon.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Anything for frying or cooking, such as lard, butter, or anything like that?

Mr. GILLIN. That was the "Crisco."

Mr. ELLSWORTH. That was all there was?

Mr. GILLIN. In the meat line I found a turtle in a barrel.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. What do they call those turtles?

Mr. GILLIN. Gophers, I think.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. How large was that—how many pound of meat?

Mr. GILLIN. I should judge 10 pounds of meat.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any butter?

Mr. GILLIN. No.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any sugar?

Mr. GILLIN. No.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any starch?

Mr. GILLIN. No.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any baking powder?

Mr. GILLIN. No.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any eggs?

Mr. GILLIN. No. I found a little salt.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. How many chickens are here?

Mr. GILLIN. I don't—I expect about half a dozen.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any other meat outside of this gopher or turtle?

- Mr. GILLIN. No; I didn't see any.
- Mr. ELLSWORTH. Was there any milk?
- Mr. GILLIN. No, sir.
- Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any fruit?
- Mr. GILLIN. No.
- Mr. ELLSWORTH. That was all you found?
- Mr. GILLIN. Yes, sir.
- Mr. SEARS. About how many Indians are here?
- Mr. ELLSWORTH. Twenty-two, Mr. Coleman stated.
- Mr. GILLIN. There isn't enough food in the camp for a dinner at the present time.
- Mr. ELLSWORTH. Any fish?
- Mr. GILLIN. No.
- Mr. SEARS. How long have you lived in the State?
- Mr. GILLIN. About four years.
- Mr. SEARS. What State did you move from?
- Mr. GILLIN. South Dakota.
- Mr. SEARS. In your opinion, what is the difference between the condition of the Indians that you find here and the Indians out there?
- Mr. GILLIN. Well, the Indian out there has been taken care of.
- Mr. SEARS. Do they have homes out there?
- Mr. GILLIN. They have homes and schools and everything else that an Indian could wish for.
- Mr. SEARS. Here they have nothing?
- Mr. GILLIN. Have nothing.
- Mr. SEARS. Anything else, Mr. Ellsworth?
- Mr. ELLSWORTH. I haven't anything further.
- Mr. SEARS. I would like for Mayor Reed to state, as mayor of this town, how long he has been mayor and what his experience has been with the Seminole Indians?

STATEMENT OF MR. W. J. REED, MAYOR OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Mr. REED. I am just finishing up a term as mayor, and I don't know but what I may be mayor for another term, there being no opposition. The Indian conditions have been well gone over, and I believe we are all convinced as to the sanitary condition of the camp. I can state, as far as the city is concerned, that we have no trouble at all from the Indian. Even in his intoxicated condition he is peaceful. I have tried to work with the agent and do that which he wished relative to drunkenness and watching the sale of liquor to the Indian, and believe that we have cut it off to a great extent. But the people of Fort Lauderdale contribute to the wants of the Indians through pure charity, and try to do it in a way that the Indian will not believe it is charity. We have no jurisdiction over their camps. If we had, they would be in a more sanitary condition. We have never known whether the State or Federal authorities considered they had jurisdiction over them. We have always looked upon them as an unconquered Indian without any provision, and believed that they were a part of our community and needed our attention.