

I just hope that somewhere you encountered that. At least that is in our own period. I am not trying to interrupt, because he is presenting the Indian claims, but at that time at least they thought the settlement was a very fine settlement. It involved all the Spanish-American people living in the Rio Grande Valley from Colorado areas to the Texas area, oil area, was watched carefully, and they tried to bring in central recognition of title at that time.

Senator METCALF. Thank you very much, Senator. That is helpful in my understanding of all this problem. Go ahead, Mr. Schaab.

Mr. SCHAAB. Let me just read one other paragraph in the findings of fact:

The difference between award and appraisal of \$382,391.76 can be divided geographically as follows:

"Extinguishment of title in Town of Taos \$297,684.67.

"Extinguishment of title outside Town of Taos \$160,835.94.

The total of those figures is the \$458,000 figure I mentioned earlier.

The significant thing here is the Pueblo Lands Board determined the amount the Taos Pueblo was entitled to as compensation for land within the Pueblo grant that was taken and the award was broken down into two segments, one for land loss within the Town of Taos, which is at the southwest corner of the Pueblo grant. The other was land within the Pueblo grant and outside the Town of Taos.

Of the \$458,000 total compensation the Pueblo actually received \$160,000 and the Indian Claims Commission has determined that the Pueblo is entitled to the approximately \$300,000 difference between the amount determined by the Pueblo Lands Board and the amount it has actually received.

Senator ANDERSON. But the Government doesn't refuse to pay this \$300,000, does it?

Mr. SCHAAB. The Government has not refused to pay it.

Senator ANDERSON. It is available, ready, and they wish they would take it. The Indians have said, "We won't take this money. We want the land."

That is true, isn't it?

Mr. SCHAAB. Yes, Senator; that is correct. That is what the Indians said in 1926 or 1927 at the time the Board met in Taos.

Senator ANDERSON. Have they changed their story?

Mr. SCHAAB. Well, I don't really know. The matter now is in the *Indian Claims* case. Back in the 1920's the Indians did say:

We will be willing to waive the compensation for land in the Town of Taos, the \$300,000 if the Pueblo * * *

Senator ANDERSON. The Town of Taos is Federal administration land, isn't it?

Mr. SCHAAB. The Town of Taos is the southwest corner of the Pueblo grant down here. It lies within the Pueblo grant.

Senator ANDERSON. That is right.

Senator METCALF. How many miles is it from that other area, that area that we are talking about?

Mr. SCHAAB. This area? These are sections.

Senator ANDERSON. What section?

Mr. SCHAAB. It is about 3 miles from Pueblo to town and then another 3 miles to the border of the watershed and so forth.

Senator ANDERSON. About 20 miles to the Blue Lake?