INTERVIEWER: Did you ever run into any dangerous situations?
WM: No, but I ran into an unfortunate one when I lost a payroll. We used to carry the payrolls from the Federal Reserve in Atlanta to, from the North and South Carolina, I guess it was for the mills up there, and we were carrying the payroll for the mills up around Gastonia, and of course when, a lot of times we were, you had mail on your train, it was a small town, a lot of times we wouldn't stop. You would just kick the mail off and a mail messenger would pick it up. I say kick it off, it would be in a mail sack. And this one particular time, I don't know what happened, we were coming into Gastonia and I'm sure we had the payroll for the mills, for the Federal Reserve, and the train lurched a few miles outside of town... of course I had the mail sack in the door, ready to kick it off, you know. And when it lurched the mail sack went out the door into, off the side of the tracks. And so, consequently, I can laugh now but it wasn't funny then, I told my supervisor, I said, I just lost the mail sack. He said, I won't use the words that he used on me, but he was unhappy and... so what happened, of course when I got in I didn't talk to the inspectors until I got back to Atlanta, I had to tell them what happened. I found out later on that the mail sack, when it went off the train, the train lurched, there was a lot of honeysuckle on either side of the tracks. So if you know anything about honeysuckle, things'll go inside of it and will spring back over it, you can't find it. So unless you're from the South you wouldn't know what I'm saying, but apparently the mail sack slid out the door, went down the embankment into a whole bunch of honeysuckle, whatever you call it, growing down there, it just covered it up. So they told me they had to back track I don't know how many miles and it took them several hours to find the mail sack because it was so well hidden by the honeysuckle.