

## **Robert J. Malcolm 2-24-??**

0.11-says name

0.18- says where he was raised and about the people.

0.51- when he was 16 he started working for the railroad. Talks about his, working and studying simultaneously. Talks about his classmates.

2.52-he spent over 45 years working at the railroad, from 1941 to 1987.mostly worked in Elkins.

5.09- talks about getting pneumonia by breathing sand dust while working in Maryland.

5.23- Five of his family members worked for the railroads.

7.30- No one in his family expected him to work for the railroad.

8.00- talks about how he got his job as an apprentice. It was a better paying job then anything else at that time.

9.10- why they recruited mostly young people to work for the railroad.

10. 30- working hours. Talks about his co workers.

13.45- Talks about the boarding house at Spruce.

19.00- food that he used to eat.

20.40- talks about playing cards and other recreations.

22.40- talks about the scenic views around Spruce.

23.40- talks about getting drunk and driving a motorcar to the carnival where he had the funny show with a rattlesnake.

31.00- talks about his job responsibilities.

33.00- the arrival of the diesel engine to replace the steam engine. Fails to remember the exact year.

37.00- they had doubt whether diesel engines would make it on the mountains but they did.

40.00- the arrival of diesel engines put lot of people out of work.

44.40- they were offered retirement with three years of pay to many people.

46.00- talks about why they employers wanted him not to leave.

51.00 He was the president of the union for five states. Attended international meetings at Miami three times a year.

54.00- talks about the grievances of the workers.

55.20- relationship between labors and management. The role of the union.

58.50- Unlike the miners they never went on strike.

1.00.20- different types of union. They honored each other.

1.01.30- dangers of railroad work. But they had good safety programs.

1.03.00- talks about his interest in music. playing at different places but he knew no railroad songs.

1.05.18- he does not like the modern trends in country music and considers it as lot of screaming. He thinks its not country music at all as they do not experience it, just make it he misses the old school of ballads, love songs, bluegrass.

1.07.50- he was the president of American Federation of Musicians. He played music in different states.

1.10 30- he stopped playing after his wife got sick.

1.11.25- he talks about meeting famous musicians of his time.

1.15.39- how he acquired his nickname.

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1.30- he hopes that bringing the railroads back would mean a lot for Elkins West Virginia. since this place has lost a lot and we are still losing.

3.30.00- he thinks that we should stop fighting in other countries and think about our own.

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