

The eternal nature of any "claim" in which Indians have a part, direct or indirect, is illustrated in the case of the controversy over the "Black Bob" lands in Johnson county, Kas. Twenty years ago "Black Bob" was an element in Kansas politics, and had much to do with the elevation of one set of politicians and the downfall of another. To-day, twenty years after, "Black Bob" is a legal issue in the United States courts with the Indians as parties litigant. The poor Indian, driven from his hunting grounds and the graves of his fathers by the rapacity of the white man, has furnished material for many a pathetic portrayal in prose and verse, but no orator or versifier has ever noted that the poor Indian is also avenged. His "original title" remains behind to torment his pale-faced successors in the courts to the end of time.