

Eva Mae Williams 12 years old 7th grade
7 years at Ruleville Central High

Every November my teacher has told my class that we have to go pick cotton and for us to come prepared the next day to pick cotton. We have to wear different clothes - old raggy blue jeans. The teacher tells us to wear old clothes telling the class not to wear new clothes. The next day we all go to the fields and pick cotton. The teacher says that if we don't go out and pick we will have to pay \$3.00. And the teacher says that if we don't pick cotton or pay we will flund - stay in the same grade. I never have been paid for picking on that day. I don't even get lunch - if you don't bring any lunch, you want eat anything. I don't know where the money goes, but I did see the man (Mr. Caszell) pay the teacher once.

Last November my 6th grade teacher told us to go out and pick cotton. Her name was Wally Webster.

signed /s/ Eva Mae Williams

witnesses:

/s/ Leonard Edwards

/s/ Lucia M. Guest