

**SPINAL MENINGITIS NOT IN CHOCTAW
FORT TOWSON - LAST TWO REPORTED CASES PROVE A MYTH
No Change In Choctaw County Regarding Disease That Has
Frightened So Many**

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The spinal meningitis situation for this county and surrounding vicinities is unchanged.

Dr. Saunders of Boswell reported having had one case, but it is across the county line in Bryan county and has recovered.

The cases at Fort Towson were those of two negroes and Dr. Gee visited them and left at once for Dallas, to gather further information. Dr. Herbert Wright, county health physician, went to Fort Towson, and, with Doctors Brinson, Bonnar and Faught, visited the afflicted negroes at Fort Towson and all decided that there was no evidence of cerebro spinal Meningitis, save Dr. Brinson, who stated that there were evidences of the case in the man who is ill.

The negro has been a sufferer from pneumonia, has been a syphilitic and now has a severe case of gonorrhoea and the attendant symptoms of other maladies are not infrequent.

For the first time in his experience as a county health official, Dr. Wright refused to sanction a quarantine, and all of the physicians attending, save those who had the case, agreed with him.

The purported case at Swink has not even symptoms of spinal meningitis, and at this time the situation is as before - no case of spinal meningitis in Choctaw county, nor even suspicion of one.