

## The Giddings News

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### RICHARD WEST SUFFERS INJURY

Last Friday morning about 8:30 or 10 o'clock, Richard West who is with the Collier Motor Co. went out on the L. Paige road to start a roller for Smith Bros. which was being used in constructing good roads. He made the start all right and when the engine fired after he gave the big wheel a turn Richard stepped backward and in some way stumbled over a rock when he fell forward, and when he began falling he ruined his right arm which got mixed up in the wheels of the big roller and mashed all the flesh off to the bone from the elbow to his wrist. He was on the other side of Hills when it happened and the gentleman who was with him could not drive the auto they went out there in so Dick after wrapping his arm up the best he could with his shirt got in the car and drove it a mile or two with the other hand until they reached Hills and Mr. Will Mueller then got in and drove on to town. Reaching town there wasn't a Dr. to be found. They were all out on calls. Mrs. Hettie Richard rendered first aid service to him and Dr. Fleida said if there was anything he could do he would gladly do it, but he examined the wound and said there were no bones broken and that a matter of an hour or two would not make any difference then as it had stopped bleeding and that it would require surgery work on the wound and he wasn't prepared to do that kind of work. Dick was then put on a lounge in the Drs. office and some thirty or forty minutes two Drs. came back to town and gave him proper attention. He did not rest very well the first night and has been reported as doing about as well as could be expected since. The wound was a very ugly one but fortunate no bones were broken. The Drs. had to take several stitches in sewing up the place.