

In October, he found himself in Tremont, Louisiana taking photos of one of Beebe's favorite railroads, the Tremont and Gulf. One of the workers there remarked that there was another of the T&G's locomotives working at the Woodworth gravel pit and so the next morning, October 10, 1953, he drove down from Alexandria.

At the gravel pit, he found the T&G loco would not be steamed up until the afternoon, but again, his luck held. The mechanic at the pit suggested that he go down the road about 10 miles to Longleaf and the Crowell sawmill. Gordon was intrigued by the same last name as his own and it triggered a memory of a visit by Beebe described in Mixed Train Daily.

When he arrived in Longleaf, nothing was steamed up. The Red River and Gulf had ceased steam operations at the end of March, and only logging line to Meridian had occasional steam operation by #202.

He did find Crowell 2-6-0 #202 painted in bright caterpillar yellow and black, with giant red **CROWELL** painted on the tender. The mechanic informed him that #202 would be steamed up the next day to go back to the woods, but Gordon had to move on. To this day, he treasures his encounter with "his" locomotive. His color photos taken that day are the only color pictures ever taken of most of these engines and equipment.