winned for WORK SONG and MISS YOU, Feb. '08
Monty has the ability to mentally stand back from himself a bit and regard his place in life. When you're (singular; find a metaphor, preferably not using color but distinctiveness) you learn to do that.
Wes takes Monty on a visit to NY before voice lessons are done? (or has in the past?)

--Monty could have worked his way east on rr? or gone to Chicago w/ cattle?
Monty:

The bunkhouse was for the white fellows, he in a way preferred it like that himself.
"You like licorice?"

or, someone calls Monty "Licorice"
black cowboy comes into the country, boy touches his face to see if it streaks

--Eric Ford letter, 2/12/79  p. 19
It's a bear. (difficult)
he was quite well fixed (prosperous)
Monty as choreboy:

--milking cows: squirts milk into cats' mouths

--after Angus dies, he milks the cow for Adair, does other chores.
Slow dollars, there
Monty, after nodding?
- doing chores
Tie Monte to the steering wheel and he was a splendid chauffeur. Let him off duty within two miles of Clore Street...
Monty
Susan has him shave his head? (à la Jack Johnson)
Monty:

It was all he could do to not tremble w/excitement.

@ Gates of Mtns?
riding the tiger: Monty's gambling

--Eng Crk, p. 201, cardshark ref
Sweetman

104 - doing hair works to pass away winter evenings:
  - hair from quills + horseshair brushes
  - hair from horses' tails

Monty does, in winter?
Jacie Jones

p. 140 - McCarty: horsehair rope used as rein on hackamore.

from Spanish mescate, i.e. hair rope.
Monty:

"If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have any luck."
Monty sings spirituals (or runs them through his mind) to shut out the abuse from the white world.

--hums
find some rage for Monty?

or is he not a raging man?
use dreams by Jiek?

Monty?
Caterpillar

Monty

His mind buzzing
Monty

Hesitantly he studied himself in the mirror.
check "Writing Fragments" file for Jick's voice in unwritten "Keeping the Days"; something to use for Monty?
Monty was on hand when Mac rode the steer in RFair?
—connection to Toussaint Rennie?
They could have dark meat if that's what they wanted. (But he couldn't have white.)
He closed his eyes, as if that would make the memory go away.

When he came right down to it, he didn't know what the hell to do about Elena. The nearest town to the ranch, GV, didn't offer anything for a man of his skin. Choteau wasn't any better. Browning, the Resvtn entirely town to the north, was out of the question; long memories on those Blackfeet. Prohibition had a lot to answer for.
spade (Monty gets called; or calls himself?)
Monty: lung capacity like Jim Whitaker's?
Monty's life: nomad

—the black RR workers at the Zanzibar: they were the nomads; Monty was born and raised in MT
"Sing, Montgomery. Sing with Momma. Ah ah ah!"
Montmorency Rathbun

- known as "Monty" growing up in Gros Ventre
- stage name "Morency"
- father (or grandfather?) was black soldier under Pershing @ Ft. Assiniboine
  - Pershing's black troops drive Crees thru Gros Ventre to dump them into Canada
- has been to NY w/ Wylie
Monty's mother the singing leader of black congregation @ Ft. Assiniboine?
a Bull Durham sack wd hold 20 silver dollars

(Monty?)

-did I see this in Bucking?
Monty has ingratiated himself, or at least made himself known, put himself forward, for the chauffeur job w/ Wes.
possible way to use black singer's dialect: epistolary sections, either him doing a diary or letters a la Taylor Gordon.
Pettaloomis (character named Loomis, from Petaluma)
Flash, 1920's Afro-American literary jnl shown me @ the Huntington by Sue Hodson in spring '97; possible source of '20s lingo
see Henry Louis Gates interview in *Story Story Story*, by Jim Schugock
Angel Momma ought to see him now.

Monty's mother: Angeline Rathbun
Monty: I don't like those frogskins.

Better

Here. Carry a frogskin for luck. He handed me a dollar bill.

I suppose it came back from Missoula with him, as silver dollars

were all we ordinarily saw.
Monty: covets an expensive car for himself?
Monty has a black lover once he's in NY?