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First off, it is possible. I've read stories from Marinaro and Fox of landing big fish while midge fishing with very fine tippet. They would basically hook the fish, and then let it swim with very little tension on the line. They would follow the fish slowly up and down the stream placing an even pressure, eventually bringing the fish up. I think I remember Vince Marinaro writing that he waited like half an hour to work a big brown out from under a weed bed.

That being said, when nymphing in the letort (or most spring creeks - or anywhere for that matter!) I rarely use anything smaller than 4x, most of the time 3x. Helps a lot in hauling them out of the grass. If you ever get a chance to hear Eric Stroup talk about Joe Humphries and George Harvey fishing, he tells of how they would use cable if they could have - I got a good laugh out of that.