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It's not as easy to adjust as some indicator systems, but have you considered a dry-and-dropper? It can be very subtle, and is my preferred method of nymphing in low, clear water. I usually use a #12-14 poly wing caddis (it's tied with a poly yarn wing - I use a product called "congo hair" from fly tyer's dungeon) or a fairly bushy adams or parachute adams. Tie the dry on with 3x or 4x, then tie the nymph off the bend of the dry fly with lighter tippet (so that you don't lose both flies when the nymph gets snagged someplace you can't retrieve it).

Every other indicator system I've tried has spooked fish at one time or another. You could also try fishing no indicator at all. Just be sure to cast as close to directly upstream as you can, otherwise you'll have trouble detecting strikes.