

Gene lengthening is fairly easily understood -

But there was no tone lengthening before dropping of the final vowels.

Loss of a syllable after tends to cause serious changes in preceding syllable.

Probably the lengthening was due to both causes

For tone lengthening 2 factors must be present - <sup>original presence of</sup> ~~final vowel~~  
(2) loss of following vowel

(1) Loss of a following vowel.

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"As to pretone lengthening we are absolutely in the air."

No analogies. No phonetic reason known.