

1 and if we are going to write a skeleton rather than
2 put the dress upon the skeleton, it seems as if we have
3 the question here directly in front of us.

4 Therefore, I strongly urge that the amendment
5 as suggested here be adopted.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate WEIDEMEYER.

7 DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and members
8 of the Convention, what startles me is the apparent
9 disregard of the sponsors of this amendment for the rights
10 of the accused in a criminal case.

11 Yesterday, we debated this quite at length,
12 but by the simple expedient of withdrawing the amendment
13 the proponents come back and get two bids at the same
14 apple.

15 They tell us today this is not a Constitutional
16 right. What more of a Constitutional right is it when
17 by the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution of the United
18 States a jury of 12 in a criminal case and no less has
19 been interpreted by the Supreme Court for a good many
20 years.

21 And that did not start there, it started back