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2 DELEGATE JAMES: For what purpose does Delegate
3 Anderson rise?

4 DELEGATE ANDERSON: I rise to speak against the
5 amendment and in favor of the majority report.

6 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Anderson.

7 DELEGATE ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, as the former
8 State's Attorney in Anne Arundel County for a number of
9 years, and as a practicing attorney for a good many years,
10 I would like to say that I found the jury system in the
11 trial of criminal cases satisfactory, whether I was defending
12 or prosecuting.

13 I think I can conscientiously say during the
14 entire period of time when I was State's Attorney, I never
15 knew of an innocent man convicted, or a guilty one escaping.

16 I think that the criminal law, and especially
17 with a trained or experienced prosecutor, is comparatively
18 simple. You can read the basic law to him, you can explain
19 it to him. You can read it out of the book to him, and
20 likewise the defense can do the same thing, and therefor I
21 feel, speaking purely from experience, that I think it would