

1 at least that is the way it was in the committee -- unless
2 it was left in there.

3 We did something earlier today when we took out
4 a right. Now I am finding out we may have permitted
5 the judges direct verdicts of guilty. I don't know if that
6 is true or not. Surely if we take this out we don't know
7 what we are doing.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate M. Smith.

9 DELEGATE M. SMITH: Is it in order to speak
10 against the amendment, Mr. Chairman?

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

12 DELEGATE M. SMITH: I certainly oppose this
13 amendment. Now, we felt it necessary here to state
14 that no bill of attainder or ex post facto law shall be en-
15 acted. We felt it necessary there to say that there shall
16 be no conviction of crime that shall work corruption of
17 blood or harm to the State.

18 I for one am not going to take away the prohibi-
19 tion against imprisonment for debt.

20 Now, I think I am correct in saying that there is
21 at least one of the States at the present time, New