

1 methods. This would be the shotgun behind the door.
2 Beside the petition, the geographical spread required would
3 avoid the danger of its promiscuous use, but had such a
4 provision be in the 1867 constitution it would not have been
5 necessary to wait 40 years for legislative reapportionment."

6 I might add, further, that had this kind of
7 constitutional procedure been in the 1867 constitution
8 we would not have had to wait until 1967 to get a convention,
9 for once the Attorney General's opinion had been expressed
10 in 1930, it would have been possible for the people of
11 the state to initiate a petition and get a convention
12 at a much earlier date.

13 While it is true that only Judge Sherbow and I
14 would have been members of that convention from among the
15 present Delegates, even so we would have had a convention
16 some 30 years sooner.

17 In other areas of the country this kind of
18 constitutional initiative has proved particularly
19 successful in some places. I am not unaware that there
20 are situations in which it has not done so well, and
21 I will tell you where it is. It has not done very well