

1 this part-time judge whose calendar began at 8:00 p.m.
2 found himself faced with something over 150 cases on the
3 calendar that day. The courtroom was crowded and the
4 reporter noted that according to the mandate of the
5 fire marshal only less than 50 people were allowed in
6 the room at the same time. To accommodate his calendar
7 on that date the enforcement officers who were required to
8 be there to testify exceeded the number of people who
9 were allowed in the room at one time.

10 To me that is typical of the situation which
11 exists in some parts of the state in trying to administer
12 justice through the present system of courts of limited
13 jurisdiction.

14 Our proposal very simply adopts the so-called
15 four-tier court structure. I am not able to say that
16 such a four-tier system is now enjoyed by a majority of
17 the states of this Union. On the contrary, the exact
18 court structure recommended by your committee is in use in
19 very few states. Our committee considered at some
20 length the possibilities of a three-tier court structure.
21 That would be two appellate courts plus one trial court