

1 as the future indicates the commissioners to be trusted
2 to do more, this can be given to them by rule without
3 amendment of the Constitution. Do you have any feelings
4 about that?

5 DELEGATE JOHNSON: To answer your first
6 question, we have not found any State constitution that
7 provides for appointment by the judiciary of a similar
8 function, such as commissioner, or for that matter, if it
9 is analogous, which we think it is, clerks on the lower
10 court. We have not found any States that provide it.
11 We have only found a similar system existing in a federal
12 system.

13 To answer your second question, we did not discuss
14 this specifically, of course, in our minority meeting,
15 but it would certainly be my view that I would be in favor
16 of keeping it general, or perhaps even providing, that is,
17 the powers of the Commissioners general.

18 As far as I am concerned, personally, you could
19 say Commissioners may exercise those powers that are pre-
20 scribed by rule, and I am certainly in favor of the
21 court having the power to increase the power of the