

1 I think generally what we are talking about
2 when we talk about a unified system is a reform generally
3 of the lowest court system.

4 We of the majority did not go about this report
5 in a very haphazard manner. We had the benefit of many,
6 many studies. I would only suggest, in addition to what
7 Delegate Hodge Smith has said, that one of our delegates,
8 Delegate Case, made a complete study, the Commission made
9 a complete study of the inferior court system in this
10 state and recommended to the state the thing which the
11 majority report suggests.

12 However, there is one other area which I would
13 like to point out. This is in the area of procedure.

14 As you go around the State of Maryland, from the
15 Superior Court and into the lower courts, the procedure
16 for trying cases, the jurisdiction, the monetary juris-
17 diction, varies from county to county, from say \$100 to
18 \$3,000. A lawyer who practices law in the State of
19 Maryland, all he has to do in many areas, such as from
20 Baltimore County, from Baltimore City to Anne Arundel
21 County and the various counties, step over an imaginary