

1 Singer to speak to the amendment.

2 DELEGATE SINGER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
3 gentlemen of the Convention, this amendment is designed
4 for the sole purpose of eliminating the number of
5 judges to sit on the Court of Appeals; that it be fixed
6 in the Constitution and allowing further constitutionality
7 should the need arise to increase the number of judges to
8 six.

9 The Constitution of 1867 provides for eight
10 judges on the Court of Appeals, with four constituting
11 a quorum. This was changed in 1944 to a total number of
12 five judges on the Court of Appeals, of which three
13 constituted a quorum. This was again changed in 1960 to
14 provide for an increase in the number of judges to seven,
15 with five being a quorum, the present system under which
16 we operate.

17 It is obvious from the committee draft that
18 the intermediate Court of Appeals is conceived to be
19 expanded or have its jurisdiction expanded so as to in
20 the future, with the increasing case load on the court,
21 take part of that burden away from the Court of Appeals.