

1 should not be guaranteed any rights. My good friend Gerald
2 Morgan has quoted from the National Municipal League
3 that a short ballot gives the best government. I do not
4 feel that Maryland has a long ballot. The Attorney General,
5 the Comptroller, and the Governor is indeed a short ballot
6 when compared with other States.

7 If there had been any scandal in the operation of
8 the Board of Public Works or the Comptroller's
9 office, or the Treasurer's Office, there might be good reason
10 to abolish these offices from the Constitution and give
11 their appointment to the Governor, but in the 100 years
12 that they have operated there has never been a breath of
13 scandal.

14 What this is doing is concentrating in the
15 hands of the executive greater power than now enjoyed by
16 any State executive on the American continent.

17 What we are asked to do today is cast aside
18 the wisdom and the experience of 100 years for a new
19 concept of government about which we do not know, and
20 lest your Convention grow confused, let me refer to the
21 Scripture: "Sayeth the Lord, stand ye in the ways and seek