

1 of government so that they will be co-equal branches, but
2 with all of the testimony about the fragmentation of the
3 governor's power, it still remains as a fact that the
4 governor of this State is the single most powerful
5 elected official, and it is true of all other States.

6 Now, one delegate said that the existence of
7 these three elective offices as a check on the executive
8 power was a fact, an indication of the distrust of the
9 people for the chief executive. I would say that it is
10 a healthy restraint on the chief executive, because in a
11 democracy we need that restraint on this concentration of
12 power.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: You have a little less than
14 one minute, Delegate Mitchell.

15 DELEGATE MITCHELL: I think our founding
16 fathers in this State and in other States purposely pro-
17 vided that there would be a fragmentation of the executive
18 power or, if you will, a diffusion of the executive power,
19 because they were so close to the tyranny that comes from
20 the abuses of too much concentration of executive power.
21 I have not voted to retain the treasurer because I believe