

1 conflicting opinions.

2 Nonetheless, the future of our Federal system
3 is largely dependent upon the virility of component
4 parts, namely, the 50 States. It may be said of you that
5 you have, when your work is concluded, deserved the favorable
6 opinion of your fellow citizens. Based upon my own
7 experience in 1947, when our Convention began in June, in
8 no small measure was the success of the Convention due to
9 the fact that citizens of great importance and great
10 dignity and great integrity hammered out a Constitution
11 that their fellow citizens recognized was not one of
12 compromise but one based upon their beliefs, their convictions.
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14 It is easy sometimes to weaken in the presence
15 of pressure. There will be pressures, I am sure. But
16 the path that follows that of conviction and integrity
17 is the path that leads to success. It is hardly necessary
18 to emphasize the far-reaching importance of the work you
19 have undertaken.

20 The American people, foremost among the world's
21 populations in their veneration of a written Constitution,