

1 it for a while, with this explanation. The Enabling Act,
2 which deals with the matter of pay and allowances of
3 delegates has some very explicit but unclear language.
4 I think we will have to have an opinion of the Attorney
5 General in order to know just how far the Convention can
6 go, and if you wouldn't mind withholding your motion, I
7 would give you an opportunity to make it at another day.

8 DELEGATE DELLA: As of today?

9 THE PRESIDENT: Effective as of today.

10 DELEGATE DELLA: Probably he could make the
11 motion then.

12 THE PRESIDENT: I, perhaps, should say a word
13 about this. I sincerely trust that the answer to this
14 question is going to be that the President has no dis-
15 cretion to exercise in excusing absences in that conven-
16 tion has little or no discretion. I say that because the
17 requests already received for absences for one reason or
18 another point out to me at least that it is almost impos-
19 sible to draw a line as to what would be a justifiable
20 excuse and what would not; but because of the explicit
21 language of the Enabling Act, I think we ought to have