

1 and the pursuit of happiness. Pursuit of happiness means
2 either equal chance of all people to set for themselves
3 goals and to move positively toward the attainment of
4 those goals. A Constitution is a basic and fundamental
5 law of the state, and goes far beyond the question of
6 judicial pensions or whether or not a comptroller will,
7 in fact, controls.

8 A Constitution is an instrument of government
9 and as such it is a social as well as a legal document and
10 should provide in part at least for a promise of enlighten-
11 ment. It is not simply an article or an instrument for
12 lawyers to argue over or judges to ponder on. After
13 all, judicial decisions are not made in a vacuum. They
14 are arrived at in an atmosphere where it must by necessity
15 reflect the spirit and sense of the time. It was Chancellor
16 Kent who said the law as a science is only a collection
17 of general principles founded on moral law, and in the
18 common sense of mankind and applied to particular cases as
19 they arise by diligent members of the bar, and at the
20 erudition of the courts.

21 I suggest that the language of Mrs. Mitchell's