

whom I have talked. In Massachusetts a Judge may be removed only by legislative action, but he can be retired by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Governor's Council upon proof of physical or mental incapacity.

"When I became Chief Justice in November of 1962, the Associate Justices were serviced by two law clerks and two secretaries. They now have four secretaries and ten law clerks to assist them with their work. Many other reforms have been instituted by rule of court and by statute. As you know, the improvement of the administration of justice is an ever-continuing project, and for that reason, the office of Chief Justice of the trial court is one which requires full time. Nonetheless, during the past two and one-half years, I have as-

signed myself to the First Criminal session at Boston, sitting a substantial part of each day. At this session assignments are made to other criminal trial sessions and pleas of guilt are heard and disposed of. Because of lack of time, I have not undertaken to sit at jury trials, but I have heard numerous jury-waived criminal cases. As in many other jurisdictions, we have an insufficiency of Superior Court Judges. Hopefully, this situation may be corrected to some extent in the near future. . . .

"I believe one of the most important functions of the Chief Justice is to provide leadership for the Court, and I think this is best achieved by providing continuity in office as opposed to periodic changes by selection of Associate Justices. . . ."