

his own counsel, but he took McMahan also severely to task for his tardiness in not pressing the case. He took to Doub at once, as containing an inexhaustible well of humor, fun and originality. In response to Doub's accusations, he charged the delay upon the court, and advised him to go to headquarters and lodge his complaints there, and directed him especially to Judge Dorsey—"the old judge who, like yourself, has no hair on his head." Accordingly Doub went in search of the judges. He found them after dinner seated under the trees at the hotel, taking their ease in sprightly and agreeable conversation. Doub, unabashed by their august presence, boldly approached the party, and according to his instructions particularly directing his assault against Judge Dorsey, inquired in his German accent why he could not have his case disposed of. They were all struck and favorably impressed with the frank, simple, and good natured manner of the old Dutchman. McMahan, expecting the *denouement*, had in the meantime unobtrusively joined the party. Judge Dorsey very civilly replied that as soon as "we get time we will take up your case." This was too much for Doub. "Get time!" he exclaimed; "why, what are you doing now? Nothing! Why can't you try the case now?" Before Judge Dorsey could rally and respond he followed up the assault with this additional pertinent question, "How much wages do you get?" Judge Dorsey told him. More than ever the old man was astounded. "Why," he added, "my men only get ten dollars a month, and they never stop till sundown."

The time came when this court as it was organized in 1805 belonged to an older order. The idea of government by the people was rapidly extending into the idea of direct democratic rule. The practice of filling judicial offices by executive appointments came under attack, and by the middle of the century was abolished in most of the states in which it had obtained. And tenure of office during good behavior fell under disfavor as "un-American." In Maryland there was little complaint of the character of officials under the existing system, at least not as to the character and