

1 handling the papers, so that if the idea of making it a
2 division of the Circuit Court is to make it more
3 efficient and save money, I don't believe this would
4 make any difference one way or the other. If you had it
5 all in the Circuit Court, I would expect that very shortly
6 there would be a division, as you say, which would be
7 the People's Court division, which would have an assistant
8 clerk, which would, in effect, be the same as the clerk
9 of People's Court is now and have precisely the same
10 mechanical and paper functions going on. I don't see how
11 you would save anything. To me, there is a lot of
12 merit in having a separate court at a lower level, simply
13 because this is the nature of things. I don't know of any
14 other jurisdiction which has a court of trial jurisdic-
15 tion at the bottom, so to speak, that is divided into
16 divisions which would contemplate what you are talking
17 about now. The Court of General Sessions in the District
18 of Columbia does have a small claims branch, but that is
19 within its own limited jurisdiction, but there still is a
20 district court, which serves as the Court of General
21 Jurisdiction for the District of Columbia.