

1 one year's difference than it is now.

2 MRS. BOTHE: You have to keep in mind that the
3 judge is only running against his record. As far as
4 political aspects go, he doesn't have an opponent.

5 JUDGE NILES: Mr. Chairman, I should like to
6 say what I have said before this Commission before, I think
7 it was a backward step to shorten the term. It down-
8 grades the judges. It does bring political considerations
9 into the matter, and I think it would be far better to
10 lengthen the term, if you have to get it in line with
11 elections. I think also that at the present time, if you
12 say that you add the two years probation, you have to add
13 the one year probation we have now to the 15. The longer
14 the term, the better people you will attract.

15 JUDGE PROCTOR: The difference between 12 and
16 15 means the average judge has to stand election twice
17 rather than once. It could be determinative in his de-
18 cision.

19 MR. ENEY: I would like to hear some comments
20 as to the effect of the shorter term on lawyers who might
21 aspire to the Bench, whether it would encourage or dis-