

1 courage them or have no effect at all whether you changed
2 the term from 12 to 16.

3 JUDGE PROCTOR: I think 16 or 15 as now is
4 more encouraging than the 12-year term.

5 JUDGE CLAPP: I agree with Judge Proctor.

6 MR. MARTINEAU: Do you feel that in view of
7 the noncompetitive election?

8 JUDGE CLAPP: Yes.

9 JUDGE CARTER: What is the purpose in shorten-
10 ing?

11 MR. MARTINEAU: I can't help but be surprised
12 by sitting here and listening to all the people who have
13 taken judgeships with the competitive elections. Some-
14 how, they think the judgeship would be less desirable where
15 you reduce it from 15 to 12.

16 JUDGE CLAPP: There is always many a slip, and
17 I think Judge Proctor's thought on the possibility of
18 two elections is a discouraging factor.

19 JUDGE PROCTOR: One can see the future a year
20 or two years, not in 15 or 16.

21 MR. MARTINEAU: That is why we want to have the