

1 election more often.

2 JUDGE NILES: For what purpose?

3 MR. MARTINEAU: You can't see into the future.

4 JUDGE CLAPP: Then it should be six years.

5 MRS. BOTHE: Actually, the noncompetitive
6 election makes an assurance of a life term, barring the
7 disability provisions. My own feeling is you either
8 have a life term, and that is the way it should be, but if
9 you have an election it should have some meaning.

10 JUDGE CLAPP: It has to some extent. If we
11 had a present system of impeachment only, it would have,
12 but with your proposal of removal of judges, the danger
13 of not being very foresighted in your election and choice
14 seems to me --

15 MR. MARTINEAU: What you are really proposing
16 is, we do away with elections and have life terms?

17 JUDGE CLAPP: No.

18 JUDGE CARTER: What is wrong with leaving it
19 where it is, one year and 15-year term, not disturbing
20 that status, which is pretty well established, but simply
21 going forward with the idea of having a judge run against