

1 be somewhat longer? I think 14 years would closely
2 approximate what we have now, and I do believe that shorten-
3 ing the term would tend to be discouraging people of the
4 type that we would like to see go on the Bench.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to ask this question
6 of the judges. I am frankly in favor of leaving it at
7 15, and as has been mentioned, this is a compromise. It
8 seems to me by shortening the term, even if only three
9 years, to that extent it would reduce the independence of
10 the judges. Does that make any sense to the judges?

11 JUDGE CARTER: I don't think it is a material
12 alteration, but I think it is a step to sort of make it
13 less attractive than it is.

14 JUDGE RASIN: Let me ask you what you contemplate
15 by district?

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Where is that?

17 JUDGE RASIN: It says each judge of the Circuit
18 Court shall be subject to approval or rejection by the
19 electors of that district in which he was required to
20 reside when appointed. Do you mean county?

21 MR. MARTINEAU: That should be county. That