

1 because of this report, I think the citizens of a city
2 of 942,000 people have been rather fortunate in having
3 lawyers on this Court. However, as you know, the situa-
4 tion is different in the counties. You will recall,
5 without much effort, the great play in one of the papers
6 of Baltimore City concerning our county to the south.
7 Many allegations were made of inefficiency, a thirst for
8 per diem, a thirst for mileage, a few other matters.
9 As I said, when I came on this Court, I considered it
10 somewhat of an honor.

11 Not having been granted a hearing before
12 this report was made, I wonder what the reasons for
13 the abolition can be. I have worked on this myself, one
14 mind, one person, with some conferences here with the Chief
15 Judge. When I read this thing, I thought I would examine
16 briefly the situation in the 48 states of the Union.
17 I know there are more than 48 at the moment but two of the
18 new states have come from a Federal jurisdiction recently,
19 Alaska, Hawaii, and, of course, the District of Columbia
20 is a kingdom of its own.

21 I have discovered from what I have done that
half of our states have separate probate courts. The