

1 the report of this Committee on the Judiciary Department
2 which throws the Court of Baltimore City into the same
3 category with the county courts.

4 I am proud to be on the Court. It is not
5 our fault that the counties have what they have. It
6 is not my business. It may be yours. If they want
7 laymen, I have a list of all members of every county
8 court, the undertaker, bus operator, gasoline pump
9 operators, school teacher, handling the probate and
10 questions concerning a large estate, that's their affair.
11 But I think that to condemn the court here in Baltimore
12 City in the same category with those of the county under
13 the guise of an improvement and the question still
14 remains who wants this change, in view of the fact the
15 Legislature hasn't changed it since 1943, I think it was
16 an unfair and unjust thing to do, not to me as a junior
17 member of this Court, but to the Court as a whole,
18 particular here Judge Friedman who has been Chief Judge
19 for seven years.

20 In conclusion I say to you this. Any
21 changes that should be made in this Court will come from