

1 verdict is not a realistic picture of what this Commission
2 has been trying to do.

3 This Commission has been trying to do a
4 job that I think you gentlemen want to approach in the
5 same spirit. That is how to get the best state court
6 system possible. For myself, I had heard a good deal
7 about the abolition of the Orphans Court from the time
8 my father sat on it. He was privately in favor of it
9 and he never expressed himself publicly one way or another
10 because of his colleagues on the one hand and because
11 he didn't want to be regarded as having a personal
12 interest on the other in case the court was elevated.

13 The term abolition of the Orphans Court
14 is a very unfortunate thing.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: I think Judge Friedman
16 used much the better term which was consolidation or
17 merger which, I think, is much more what we had in mind.

18 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: I think that is the proper
19 word.

20 MR. SYKES: The reason for the recommendation
21 was, I can testify, precisely because we thought the Orphans