

1 judges are to try a case that used to be involved a
2 hundred dollars, automobile accident, contract, maybe
3 today a thousand dollars, five hundred or fifteen hundred,
4 but you don't need a judge of that status at all to
5 dispose of a multi-million dollar estate or pass on legal
6 questions involving many thousands of dollars day after
7 day. I have never been able to understand this.

8 You know and I know that I was in your court
9 on a matter involving well over a hundred thousand
10 dollars within the past few weeks. I was before one of
11 the Orphans Courts in the counties involving an estate
12 which was something like \$800,000, then had a direct
13 appeal from the Orphans Court to the Court of Appeals.
14 But the Orphans Court judges had to make the initial
15 distinction.

16 It seems to me -- and I think the
17 entire Committee and entire Commission is absolutely in
18 agreement on these propositions -- that probate work
19 is important and that it is just as important as auto-
20 mobile accidents and contracts and other kinds of litiga-
21 tion that go on day after day in the courts of general