

1 very ill, there is no provision in the Constitution pro-
2 vided for anyone to carry on.

3 The way we carry on, I leave my -- I take my
4 top executive assistant, and he carries on while I am ab-
5 sent, and Edmund C. Mester on my staff, he has the author-
6 ity to carry on, but there should be someone, maybe a
7 lieutenant governor, or someone to carry on when the
8 Governor leaves the State.

9 Now, I go to Europe with Dr. Elkins occasion-
10 ally to our overseas college, and if a very, very acute
11 emergency arose, they would have to call me in Europe,
12 locate me. I have to let them know where I am all the time,
13 how they can reach me. It is difficult, it is a little
14 bit of a trying situation when you are away for six or
15 eight days, and you are out of the country. I mean, I think
16 that loophole should be closed so that when the Governor
17 leaves the State even, that there should be someone to
18 assume the responsibilities of the office.

19 JUDGE ADKINS: Would you assign him any con-
20 stitutional duties other than succeeding to the governor-
21 ship when he became incapacitated?