

1 than the others, and he would be subjected, of course, to  
2 that political influence, and if he was on the board, he  
3 would constantly be importuned by some of the members to  
4 vote for this and vote for that because they voted for  
5 him. I think that might be bad.

6 JUDGE ADKINS: When you commented on what  
7 officials should be elected, do you feel that the present  
8 method of selecting the State Treasurer is a good one,  
9 having him elected by the Legislature rather than by  
10 either the people or appointed?

11 MAYOR MCKELDIN: Well, he is really, as you  
12 know, of course, not elected primarily by the Legislature,  
13 he is appointed by the Governor, and the Governor gives  
14 the word, and that's it, I mean as a practical matter,  
15 that is it.

16 JUDGE ADKINS: This is true if the Governor  
17 is of the same party as the Legislature, but it wasn't  
18 true when you were in office.

19 MAYOR MCKELDIN: Exactly, exactly, but they  
20 have done well by the Treasurer. We have had excellent  
21 Treasurers of this State, and I don't know any of them that