

1 My answer to that is absolutely none that he
2 does not already have. Only his present powers, and they
3 are completely satisfactory, and I think, ample.

4 Should the Governor have the power to delegate
5 his powers of executive clemency? Should the Governor
6 have the power to grant a nolle prosequi?

7 No, some years ago, the Governor was relieved
8 of the time-consuming responsibility for the granting of
9 paroles. This was with my approval when I was Governor.
10 I did that. The powers of commutation and the granting
11 of pardons should remain with the Governor.

12 Of course, the Governor consults a lot of
13 people. He talks with the State's Attorney, he talks with
14 the judges, he talks with a lot of people concerning that,
15 so he really has a lot of advice before he makes his
16 decision, and I commuted nineteen death sentences. I am
17 opposed to capital punishment. Three of them I didn't
18 commute, I didn't have the courage to commute.

19 I talked to the judges. I remember one judge
20 I talked to, I said to him, I said, Judge, you didn't have
21 this man examined by a psychiatrist, and you have one right