

1 now, is a court system of four levels, the highest court,  
2 the intermediate court, trial court of general juris-  
3 diction and trial court of limited jurisdiction. I  
4 suppose that is fairly standard throughout the country,  
5 is it?

6 MR. WINTERS: For a state like this, it would  
7 be, yes. Smaller states that do not need an intermediate  
8 appellate court, the ideal level is three levels; where  
9 the volume of the appellate court warrants it, then that  
10 would be considered standard, yes.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winters, on the subject of  
12 judicial selection, tenure and removal, our Committee  
13 so far has reached a very general tentative position  
14 that judges should be by appointment of the Governor  
15 from a list presented to him by a nominating commission.  
16 We have not come to any final conclusions with respect  
17 to details. One of the areas that we are now discussing  
18 is the subject of competitive elections versus non-  
19 competitive elections, that is, the judge running --

20 MR. WINTERS: Yes, I understand.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: -- on his record. Could you