

1 might have some questions to ask you.

2 DR. PULLEN: I'll try to anticipate the
3 questions. I think probably one of the finest books,
4 a single book written on reconstruction and what it
5 meant from the standpoint of government was written
6 by Dr. Blake who is now head of the history department
7 of the University of Baltimore. For twenty years he
8 was in the archives. That book is called William H.
9 Mahone of Virginia, who was a general. He started the
10 reconstruction movement or the readjustment movement
11 and he had great power in that State for some years.
12 In this book Dr. Blake points out that the Constitution
13 of Virginia, and this is true of all the southern states,
14 was a reaction against what he called "Mahonism," a
15 system of government in which certain selected ones were
16 favored.

17 You will find that this constitution attempts
18 to do that. The very first article says it shall have an
19 efficient system throughout. My interpretation of that
20 has been different a lot of times from other people,
21 particularly people appropriating money. To me, it is