

1 powers in no way limit the broad grant of power. That's
2 another way to do it.

3 I also would recommend against that. My feel-
4 ing is the purpose of a constitutional convention is
5 to strengthen the Legislature, get as much language out of
6 the constitution as possible, and have as many of these
7 decisions made by the Legislature as possible. We are
8 in the fortunate situation in Maryland of having that
9 situation be the status quo. This is why I raise the
10 question of whether we wish to fool with this at all.

11 Another way to adjust for the broad grant of
12 power is to take the status quo and just change this
13 present language and say that the charter counties can
14 exercise any functions except those withdrawn and let it
15 go at that.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that fairly moves us
17 into Dean Fordham's sphere because Dean Fordham was the
18 drafter of the new so-called A.M.A. approach which was
19 eventually adopted by the National Municipal League and
20 incorporated into the model State constitution, which we
21 have been more or less reviewing and studying.