

1 of Section 5.

2 MR. GENTRY: No bills of attainder, or ex
3 post facto laws, or laws impairing the obligations of
4 contracts shall be enacted; nor shall any conviction
5 work corruption of blood or forfeiture of estate.

6 This embraces what is presently in our
7 Declaration in Article 17, which relates to retrospective
8 laws as well as ex post facto laws, and Article 18,
9 which is the referral to acquit particular persons of
10 treason or felony, that is the bills of attainder, and
11 Article 27, which is a corruption of letter forfeiture
12 of the State.

13 I think we haven't deleted anything of Article
14 18 or 27, and we have added No law shall be enacted
15 which impairs obligations of contracts.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Any question? Any discussion or
17 comment?

18 JUDGE ADKINS: I have a question. The obvious
19 intent of the ex post facto provision of Article 17 is
20 to apply only to criminal laws. The reading of the
21 language of Section 5 would seem to me, since it is coupled