

1 MR. CASE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to re-
2 orient my thinking at least on this subject because it
3 seems to me that it is being approached theoretically
4 at least from the wrong direction. The power of the
5 subpoena is, I believe, one of the so-called inherent
6 powers of sovereignty, and we don't take about the State
7 Constitution granting that power. Really what we talk
8 about is the State Constitution restricting that power,
9 and by that I mean this: The General Assembly has on
10 many occasions granted to boards and agencies in the
11 State the subpoena power. I have personally drawn a
12 number of statutes which have been passed which say
13 exactly this, and I have no doubt that if it wanted to do it
14 the General Assembly could pass an act reorganizing it-
15 self and granting to its committees right today, the
16 general subpoena power; so what my friend, Dale Adkins
17 is so worried about is today completely possible under
18 the present, under our present situation.

19 Therefore, it seems to me that the question
20 is not whether we want to grant the right of subpoena,
21 but just how far we want to restrict it, and that it