

1 Mr. Case. I think it is important to have your courts
2 of lower jurisdiction at the minimum expense of the people.
3 When you say the jurisdiction of the court shall be uniform
4 throughout the State, I feel just as that goes forward,
5 it means the Legislature is going to put a \$250 or \$500
6 jurisdiction on this, and therefore we will lose efficiency
7 and the ability in the larger jurisdiction, such as the
8 Metropolitan Baltimore area, being able to give justice
9 to the people in litigation say up to \$2500.

10 The effect of this will give it all \$2500.

11 MR. MARTINEAU: Mr. Case has already suggested
12 that the exclusive jurisdiction, which is what you are
13 talking about, will be uniform.

14 DR. MICHENER: I think that is wrong. I think
15 the people in Somerset County want to have it at \$500, and
16 if the people in Baltimore City want to have it at 2500,
17 I think this is right.

18 MR. MARTINEAU: This is getting away from the
19 most important concept we're trying to get here, which is
20 a single State court. This is not a separate court in each
21 of these counties, to have the jurisdiction go up and down