

1 I have no skepticism about the validity of the Consti-
2 tutional Convention or its power to bring in a new
3 document. All I am saying is I do have some genuine
4 doubt about the power of this Convention just to
5 bring in an amendment when the Constitution itself
6 specifically provides how amendments as distinguished
7 from new documents shall be brought forth. If you
8 just amend, then it seems to me the arguments will
9 be made, you are thrown back on the existing Constitution
10 and not having followed the procedures set forth
11 therein, you are hung up. I am saying to you if it is
12 possible to cut the ground away from that argument now,
13 now is the time to do it.

14 JUDGE ADKINS: The thing that confuses me
15 about this discussion is I don't see how this bill, and
16 which is in essence a housekeeping bill, can in any
17 way affect the powers of the Constitutional Convention.
18 No matter what you put in this bill, the Constitutional
19 Convention, if it is legally called, either has the
20 power or it does not have the power to submit an
21 amendment.