

1 seems to me that if we were to follow Mr. Clagett's  
2 suggestion and leave this solely to the Legislature, we  
3 would not have had even yet a charter government in  
4 Baltimore County. In Baltimore County there was a  
5 movement as early as 1919 to get a charter set up. It  
6 failed in a vote of the people. But the delegation from  
7 Baltimore County in the General Assembly has, from my  
8 observation, for three decades been at odds with this  
9 kind of thing and the powers of the political organiza-  
10 tion there even when the final proposition came up for  
11 a charter government, the people who went to the Legisla-  
12 ture from Baltimore County were opposed to the formation  
13 of a charter because they held the power over what  
14 went on in Baltimore County through their control of  
15 local legislation in the General Assembly.

16 It seems to me there are times at least  
17 when the local community, the people, or the local  
18 governments ought to have a chance to activate the  
19 government in a region.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Brooks.

21 MR. BROOKS: I think under the Chairman's