

1 MR. CLAGETT: That is correct. We do not
2 believe that the county -- let's get this clear. We do
3 not believe that the County Commissioner form of govern-
4 ment, with the exercise of both legislative and executive
5 power, can effectively operate in the best interest of the
6 people and utilize the broad grant of power.

7 Number one, it could provide under the exercise
8 of the broad grant of power that the next election of
9 County Commissioners shall be 20 years from now and there-
10 fore the present County Commissioners shall stay in
11 authority for the next 20 years; but they might be young
12 men and might make it 40 years. Now, that is entirely
13 possible, unless you have an instrument of government or
14 a charter, and I'm using the words synonymously, now,
15 which will provide for regular election, which will provide
16 in other ways for the orderly operation of the government
17 of the county.

18 We do not believe, and it's been a long fought
19 battle, we do not believe that without a charter the broad
20 grant of power can be as effectively utilized than with a
21 charter and we are aiming now for the ultimate rather than