

1 if a strong case were to be made that some County is
2 blocking a municipality, which is badly needed in the
3 State. That is quite different from a constitutional
4 matter. Yet I can see that as new cities develop, the
5 Counties don't want or may not want to allow this to
6 happen. The General Assembly can amend the present
7 statute for that purpose. That is not really the case.
8 If the municipalities to legitimately and naturally
9 grow --

10 MR. CLAGETT: How will they grow? They can't
11 without consent of the County.

12 DR. BURDETTE: That is exactly the point.
13 They will grow, if for nothing else, in technological
14 service. They don't have the power of annexation under
15 this arrangement. I can see circumstances in which this
16 is just like a man that has a house, built in 1880, with-
17 out electricity, and if he can't have electricity in
18 1950 without the consent of people who don't wish him
19 well anyhow, he is in a very difficult situation.

20 MR. CLAGETT: I appreciate what you say. If
21 you don't have a provision such as this, you have a basic