

1 Federal Court.

2 So, it seems to me there is nothing inviolate  
3 about the elimination of the jury trial. Certainly, in  
4 my judgment, it ought to be eliminated in a jurisdictional  
5 amount that the legislature deems proper, so that these  
6 lower Courts can have the force and dignity that the Com-  
7 mission wants them to have.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hargrove?

9 MR. HARGROVE: I think what Mr. Case is saying  
10 is extremely important. I would like to give you a good  
11 example of what actually happens, because I've had, as  
12 you might know, some experience in the lower Court. I  
13 think it is one of the more serious problems in the People's  
14 Court, which is even if the various litigants can remove  
15 their cases to, for example, in Baltimore City, it is not  
16 a question of a jury, but it's a question of removal.

17 You can get a trial de novo, as you know, now  
18 for a simple matter of \$2. You can get a discovery for \$2,  
19 and you can remove it and get a completely new trial.

20 If the monetary amount of removal is raised, it  
21 might be also an additional deterrent, because if you