

1 and ratios, so that we can really strengthen the State
2 government to do the job that the increased burden of
3 government is going to be tossed upon it to do.

4 I would say that we ought to have, regardless
5 of what we can wait for another generation for a Federal
6 court interpretation, I think that is irrelevant as long
7 as we don't have anything that violates the Federal Con-
8 stitution, we should set our own high standards within
9 our own Constitution. I think that the point here is
10 that we ought to have the principle embodied in our Con-
11 stitution on a ratio.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Judge Adkins?

13 JUDGE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, at the risk of
14 belaboring this point, I must make another comment because
15 it seems to me that no question has come before this
16 Commission yet which is as significant to my section of
17 the State as this one. We are aware of it, not complete-
18 ly unsympathetic with the concept of equal representation.
19 We do not feel, however, that the final wisdom on this
20 subject has been spoken. We think that in the market place
21 and in the political place, there are going to be many