

1 MR. MILES: You are saying keep the thing as it
2 is.

3 MR. MELVIN: No, because I am in favor of
4 mandatory home rule, but that the powers exercised by those
5 counties will be those which will be granted not by any
6 spelling out of the powers in the constitution but by the
7 Legislature.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: As I understood Dean Fordham's
9 remarks earlier, it was provided you can get them to go
10 ahead and do it. It has been a rather successful effort,
11 Article 25(a) has worked rather well.

12 It has been express powers broad enough to more
13 or less meet any need that we have had up to the present
14 time; but we don't know how it can stand the test of the
15 future. Of course, the answer, I am inclined to think,
16 would be the Legislature would wrestle with it in the
17 future and broaden it at that time.

18 MR. MELVIN: I think the history has been, as
19 far as I know, there has been no move on the part of the
20 Legislature to reduce the home rule powers of the charter
21 counties.