

1 terse, succinct document, couched in simple, ordinary
2 language, understandable by the average person, without
3 a great deal of interpretation. This means that we have
4 deliberately decided to ignore the beneficial effect that
5 might otherwise be obtained from the use of language
6 which has heretofore been construed by the courts, so that
7 if you notice the language, it is quite different and in
8 simple terms, nonlegalistic wherever possible. This is
9 the reason.

10 Secondly, the Constitution is intended to
11 be an instrument defining the structure of government.
12 It is not intended to be the repository of all the de-
13 tailed provisions for making that government operate.
14 Therefore, it will be, you might say, a bare bones
15 constitution, or a skeleton or an outline, largely con-
16 ferring power and spelling out in very general terms
17 limitations on that power.

18 Thirdly, the principal departments or branches
19 of the Government, the Executive, Legislative, and the
20 Judicial, so far as the Constitution is concerned be
21 defined in broad outline only. This means that, in all