

1 JUDGE ADKINS: Can you repeal an existing
2 constitutional protection which is now held and reduce
3 that constitutional protection?

4 THE CHAIRMAN: People are supreme, I think.

5 MR. MILLER: I think it would apply. I
6 don't like to disagree with your legal interpretation
7 but I think under the Constitution of the United States
8 they wouldn't be able to reduce the salary of a city
9 judge until his term had run out.

10 MR. MARTINEAU: I have yet to hear of any
11 application of the contract clause to a salary payable
12 by a state to a public official.

13 DR. BURDETTE: If it was established by
14 contract it would.

15 MR. MARTINEAU: It is not established by
16 contract. It is established by law.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Let me cut across with this
18 statement. Whether that is or is not the law, the
19 Commission, I am quite sure, is not going to recommend
20 a continuance of the situation which would have that
21 effect and we requested the Committee, therefore, to