

1 the State and that amount will probably today be at least
2 \$500, and in the course of time it may go up as high as
3 a thousand.

4 If the right of trial by jury in all civil cases
5 is retained, this would seriously conflict with the practi-
6 cal ability of the legislature to create exclusive juris-
7 diction in the lowest Courts, because anyone could pray
8 a jury trial and, by so doing, could take his case away
9 from the Court where it belongs.

10 The State Bar Committee met the problem by
11 recommending that the jurisdictional amount in the
12 Constitution be \$500. Our Committee was very hesitant to
13 put dollars in the Constitution. I believe if it goes in
14 here, it will be the only place where the same are mention-
15 ed and, inflation being what it is, it will probably
16 necessitate a constitutional amendment every time the
17 jurisdiction of the Courts of limited jurisdiction is
18 altered.

19 Thirdly, and perhaps this is the most interesting
20 or persuasive to me personally, is that the provision
21 doesn't really give protection to many people. It's one