

1 have justice and right, freely without fail, fully without
2 any denial and speedily without delay, according to the
3 law of the land.

4 Now, this is the present language of our Maryland
5 Constitution. When we came to it, we liked the language,
6 but we found out that in a hundred years it hadn't meant
7 a thing and so we decided to give some meaning to the
8 language. We have come up with the proposal that
9 abolishes the governmental immunity. This is the doctrine
10 that grows up out of the old concept that the king can
11 do no wrong, and, in fact, we feel that in this day and
12 age, that we have no kings, that the sovereignty rests
13 in the people, not in a king.

14 The original concept was that all justice came
15 from the king, and if justice came from him, you couldn't
16 very well sue him. Well, we feel that this doctrine
17 has no application. However, it is limited. It is not
18 a dramatic change with the past in one sense because it
19 does provide for exceptions to be made by statute, and
20 this is done to avoid objections to it so that there can
21 be an orderly development.