

1 JUDGE ADKINS: Yes, sir. Is there any reason
2 to have them appointed?

3 GOVERNOR TAWES: Well, I would say that the
4 Governor should appoint the Comptroller and the Attorney
5 General. Now, these two officials are pretty close to the
6 Administration headed by the Governor.

7 For instance, the Comptroller is his finance
8 officer, the chief fiscal officer of the State, and operat-
9 ing under a \$875 million budget, I think the Governor, who
10 is responsible for the budgetary program and the spending
11 program of the State, should have a Comptroller with whom
12 he can work very closely without any fear of reprisal.
13 The Comptroller, if he is elected, naturally, he feels
14 that he is responsible to the people, the people that
15 elected him. I would say that the Comptroller, by all
16 means, should be appointed by the Governor.

17 The Attorney General, I don't have the same
18 reservation as I would have for the office of Comptroller.

19 JUDGE ADKINS: Do I understand, then, that you
20 are suggesting that the Attorney General perhaps could
21 continue to be elected as he now is?