

the constitutional provision, that "justice shall be administered promptly and without delay?" 9

That this inconvenience is experienced to some extent among us cannot be denied. Since the organization of our Judiciary system, a great accession has been made to the business of our citizens, bringing with it a corresponding increase of labours to the Judicial Department. A full and patient investigation of every case is due to and expected by the parties. While the Courts are thus diligently employed in determining the suits earliest commenced, other cases are accumulating upon the docket. This accumulation, it is beyond the physical power of the Judges to prevent. With the growing business of the State is it not unreasonable to expect that this evil will under the present arrangement be constantly increasing? It is not supposed that this condition of things is peculiar to our own State. But since it exists, it becomes you, gentlemen, as the constituted guardians of private as well as public rights to provide a speedy remedy.

Among the modes suggested for relieving the people from the evils which press upon them under the existing arrangement, that of increasing the number of Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court is conceded by those, who are conversant with the subject to be indispensable. Probably the addition of one or two members to that Bench with an exemption from trials in criminal cases under the grade of capital offences might prove a sufficient remedy for the evils now resulting from the existing organization of that Court.

What changes in the organization of the Court