

going to let the rich, the well-born and powerful do whatever they want to do, we wouldn't need Constitutions, laws or courts. And even with these supposed protections, they do just about what they want to do anyway. And now we come to a proposition that I'm trying to get into this proposal that is before us which would say in all cases of homicide a person would have a right to appeal that to the Supreme Court. When you are accused of killing another human being, the ultimate determination on that issue should be made by the highest court in the land. And I believe that. I believe that, even when people have committed a crime, there are certain rights that they are entitled to. The act is a crime only because the Legislature said it is. But, again, an accusation is not a conviction, and a conviction in a lower court upheld by the first appeal level, which in this case would be the appellate court, does not, in itself, mean the person actually did the crime, did the killing. I believe that we have an obligation to protect certain rights in the Constitution. One of those rights, I think, should include a person brought to book by the state for a homicide to have an appeal to the Supreme Court. There are some of you who may have gone before the, what is that commission, the Sunshine Commission, oh, Accountability, and because they accuse you of something, you don't run right in there and fall down on your knees and say, you said I did it, I did it, what do you want to charge me; you say, no, I didn't do it, or if I did it, this is what it meant. And that's not even a crime. You're not even going to jail. And you argue to try to make your point. In this amendment that I'm offering, we come face-to-face, in my opinion, with one of the most serious charges that can be brought against a person, one of the most serious, and that's the charge of having killed another human being. Senator Kristensen and all these others want to talk about the courts backlog, Senator McFarland will agree with LR 8, and I handed especially for the attention and consideration of the lawyers a little excerpt from the case that I won in the Supreme Court, the same Supreme Court which, as the dissenting judge said, has to revert...overrule one of their earlier decisions to make me stand trial again. He felt the matter should have been dismissed. But when that court wants to get somebody, such as myself, they'll get me and they'll get me by making me go to trial again and then file another appeal. They know I'm going to appeal it. And do you think because I have a matter pending before a court or some of these judges that I'm going to swallow my tongue and not say what I think ought to be said? You got a dumbbell sitting down there as a judge in Lancaster County Court