

and fewer people in between Mike Harper and these truly poor people at the bottom, and the ranks of the poor are swelling and increasing in number. So we are doing here today, probably unintentionally, one of the most honest acts that the Legislature has placed, but it's for a dishonest purpose. The honesty in the act is that it's saying there should be two levels of justice, the top level for the powerful big-shots, and another court system for all the rest, the miscellaneous, the leftovers, the small change, the garden variety people. So since we have a big-shot justice and a peon justice, we ought to call them what they are. And I think all of these farmers that are going to be clamoring to Senator Wehrbein, and some of these other senators from farm areas who profess to be representing the interests of their farmers, will at least know where they have to go for an appeal. Peons they are, to the peon court they should go. And I think it's ridiculous and unrealistic to say that there would be the same type of consideration given to people's appeals by a three-judge panel of this so-called peon court as they can obtain by going presently to the State Supreme Court. If the present Supreme Court makes a fool of itself, by virtue of an opinion, at least we read the rationale. We know what steps have to be taken to try to get the court to reverse itself or modify that opinion. But with this so-called peon court, there is no publication of the opinions. When attempts are made to analogize between the federal court system and the state court system as a justification for this bill, we are told about the U.S. Supreme Court having the power to accept or refuse appeals, which is true. But what is not stated is that the opinions of the circuit courts, which would parallel the appellate court system that we're talking about here, do have their opinions published. And if there develops a conflict between or among circuits, then the Supreme Court of the United States will routinely take whatever that issue is to resolve the conflict between or among those circuits so that there is uniformity in the handling of that particular issue. There is no way to know what the basis for a conflict between these panels, three of which will have three judges apiece, because their opinions will not be published. This temporary appellate court that exists now and that is issuing opinions and decisions are not writing their rationale for their decisions. So there is no way to know why or on what basis the court moved in the direction that it did as opposed to a contrary direction. For lawyers who are advocates for their clients to properly represent them they need the direction and guidance of court opinions in similar cases. With a so-called appellate court