tem of the United States could be accomplished by a construction of a clause of the constitution which gives to Congress power to establish post offices and post roads. A corporation or commission could be created to acquire railroads, the modern post roads, and to lease them on terms to operating corporations. Thus the Federal government could obtain complete control of all the railway systems of the United States and subject them to such regulations as the executive might see fit. It is unnecessary to comment upon the power which could, in this way, be given to the Federal government. How such measures would be brought about and carried into effect may be gathered from the following criticism of a United States district judge in the President's message of December, 1906: "I have specifically in view a recent decision of a district judge, leaving railway employers without a remedy for violation of a certain so-called labour statute. It seems an absurdity to permit a single district judge against what may be the judgment of an immense majority of his colleagues on the bench to declare a law solemnly enacted by the Congress to be unconstitutional."

In January, 1907, there was introduced into the House of Representatives a bill which provides "that whenever in his judgment the public welfare will be promoted by the retirement of any judge of the United States, the President shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, nominate and appoint a suitable person possessing the qualifications required by law to the office to be vacated by such retirement . . . The reason for retirements hereunder shall be stated in making nominations." It appears that the Supreme Court, which has world-wide respect, is in the glamour of centralization and imperialism. What can be the meaning of the statements of the President and his chief secretary that if the people desire it a construction of the constitution will be procured to meet their views? The sapping of local control leads to weakness in individual action. Centralization can never add to liberty. Bureaucracy and the constant turning for government support detract from rugged self reliance.