

"2. The same observations can, of course, be made with respect to the eleven Courts of Appeals which likewise issue stay, injunctive, and bail orders. An example of a contempt proceeding in a Court of Appeals is the well-known case of Sawyer v. Dollar, 190 F.2d 623 (C.A.D.C.), involving the disputed stock in the American President Lines, Ltd. Under the present bill, the criminal aspects of that complicated contempt proceeding would have had to be tried by a jury.

"This is a particularly serious matter for the Courts of Appeals which have constantly to issue decrees enforcing the orders of such agencies as the Federal Trade Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, and the Civil Aeronautics Board. \* \* \*"

The Federal Courts have played a vital role in the progress and success of our nation. I am sure that the Congress will want to consider carefully whether it is wise to weaken the traditional authority of those courts by approving such a sweeping amendment.

Sincerely,

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