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case and its allied issues would cause the average state court in Cook County to shudder. The Wilkerson court is a permanent court. Its judge is an appointee for life from the hands of the President himself. Election day terrorism and primary day intimidation of voters by gangsters cannot be invoked to take the life out of him. It was astounding that a jury in so important and so well known a case should be chosen in a day. Had this trial been set in a state court the jury, probably, would not have been completed by this time. The discretion of a Judge of the Federal Court was emphasized daily."

### PENSIONS FOR JUDGES

Twenty states have adopted some system for pensioning judges, but the systems are as varied as the number of states making legislative provision for such pensions.

Arkansas pays full salary for life upon 10 years' service, at age 70.

Colorado pays \$3,000 per year for life upon 10 years' service, at age 68.

Connecticut makes its retired judges official referees.

Florida pays full salary for life upon 30 years' service, at age 74.

Illinois pays half salary for life upon 24 years' service, at age 65.

Louisiana pays full salary for life upon 15 years' service, at age 75; two-thirds salary for life upon 20 years' service, at age 70; and three-fourths salary for life upon retirement through disability.

Maine pays three-fourths salary for life upon 7 years' service, at age 70.

Maryland pays \$2,400 per year for life upon 10 years' service, at age 70.

Massachusetts pays three-fourths salary for life upon 10 years' service, at age 70. For disability after 60 years and 15 years' service it pays three-fourths salary for life. Since 1920 pensions have been reduced to half salary.

Michigan pays half salary for life upon 10 years' service, at age 70.

Minnesota pays full compensation until the end of term, if disabled physically or mentally, and half salary for life upon 20 years' service, at age 70.

New York pays no compensation after age 70, unless appointed as official referees.

New Jersey pays half salary for life upon 21 years' service, at age 73, with half pay during the term upon disability.

North Carolina pays two-thirds salary for life upon 15 years' service, at age 70.

Pennsylvania pays half salary for life upon 20 years' service, but the retiring judge must hold himself ready to serve as Special Master.

Rhode Island pays following amounts upon 25 years' service or after 15 years' service at age 70: Chief Justice \$9,000, Associate Justice \$8,000, Presiding Judge Superior Court \$8,500, Associate Superior Court \$7,500.

Tennessee pays full salary to end of term upon disability after 20 years' service.

Virginia pays \$3,000 for life upon 10 years' service, at age 70.

West Virginia pays \$6,000 for life upon 12 years' service, at age 65.

Wyoming pays \$4,000 for life upon 24 years' service, at age 70.