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With full confidence in the breadth of vision of the members of the newly-organized Judicial Council of this State, and only by way of emphasis, attention is again directed to the act creating the Council, and the duties and powers as therein defined. No one has the right to expect or insist that the Council shall immediately bring forth results, or even present a precise program, covering the full scope of the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Session Laws of 1927. It may be suggested, however, with propriety, and solely for the purpose of emphasis, that the broadest view be taken of the provision "to make a continuous study of the operation of the judicial system of the State," and that "the power to organize a bureau of statistics for the purpose of gathering information relating to crime and criminal and civil litigation" be recognized as among the most important and far-reaching.

The adoption and amendmet of rules of practice and procedure has been, and will continue to be, a very essential part of the work of the courts, and now also of the Council, but it would certainly appear to be an undervaluation of the need for, and the opportunities presented by Chapter 124 of the 1927 Session Laws, to fail to place the greater emphasis upon the other provisions of the Act, particularly those referred to herein. Procedure might readily be simplified and yet court business be not expedited nor justice better administered, and the latter is really what we seek. May the plans be laid as broadly as the opportunities presented by the delegated powers.