

Institutes Encourage Discussion

Legal institutes, held at various points in Texas between March 23 and April 15, encouraged discussion by lawyers of the state on proposed rules of civil procedure. It was the general opinion that use of the Federal Rules as a whole was not advisable, although the Corpus Christi meeting favored their adoption *in toto*. Votes at all of the institutes asked retention of special issues in some form, and all except Nacogdoches favored adoption of pre-trial procedure.

Institutes were conducted by Preston Shirley of The University of Texas in

Big Spring March 23; Judge James P. Alexander of the Waco Court of Civil Appeals in Tyler March 30 and Beaumont April 12-13; and Judge Robert W. Stayton of The University of Texas in Corpus Christi April 13 and Nacogdoches April 15.

Big Spring

Approximately thirty-five attorneys from Big Spring, Sweetwater, Lamesa, Colorado, Midland, and Snyder attended the Big Spring institute, which was pre-

Judge Robert W. Stayton, center above, conducted the Corpus Christi institute. At the upper left, Judge W. O. Murray makes a motion, and Senator Woodville Rogers listens attentively, upper right. A few of the other lawyers who returned to school for a day to study the proposed rules of civil procedure are shown in the lower pictures. Chief Justice Edward W. Smith of the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals is sixth from the right.



