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PREFACE

IN this age of the making of many books an explanation for publication is always in order. The contents of this volume consist in the main of a series of lectures delivered at the Illinois College of Law in 1910, and subsequently printed and used in the extension department of that institution. The chapters on "The Theory of Direct Legislation" and "The Theory of the Recall of Judicial Decisions" have been added to the original series especially for this volume, as these theories have developed since the original lectures were prepared. It is easy to see that by the use of copious quotations this volume could have been greatly extended, but an attempt has been made to present only the essential teachings of the authorities in order to make the trend of the argument clear. In the accomplishment of this task I fear that some important decisions have been omitted that should have been included.

The writer had no idea at the time the original lectures were prepared that the courts of the country were destined to come in for such a wide share of political attention as they have in so short a time. But such a study as this must convince any one that the increased opportunity of the

courts to pass on questions of partisan and political views must eventually direct the attention of the public more and more to this unusual power of the courts, and that the courts will not be able to escape popular criticism. The wide attention that this question must attract in the immediate future is the excuse for the publication of this volume.

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