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Extradition laws between the states were designed for the adequate enforcement of criminal law.

Times without number, however, the enforcement officers find themselves powerless to secure a conviction because no legal machinery exists to compel the attendance of a necessary witness who has left the state. The Attorney General of Ohio has started a movement which might well become national in scope, and a reprint of an article in the Ohio Bar Association Report for January 8th is given below:

"Suggesting the advisability of an agreement between states which would permit the subpoenaing and enforcement of the subpoena of witnesses in criminal cases, Attorney General John W. Bricker directed letters to the attorneys general of Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Bricker pointed out that prosecuting officials of Ohio are powerless to act when witnesses either purposely or otherwise go into adjoining states because there is no authority by which they may be returned. Since the same situation exists in other states, Bricker suggested an agreement with states adjoining Ohio which will permit witnesses to be subpoenaed even though they have gone into adjoining states. He referred to the U. S. constitution, which provides that a state may enter into an agreement or compact with another state with the consent of congress. Stating that he felt congress would give such consent under the circumstances, Bricker urged the adoption of such an agreement in his letters to the attorneys general of the adjoining states."