

Conference Split at Start by Factions Favoring State Rule Against Fed-
cral Supervision-Oppose Ferris Bill-Governor Addresses Delegates From Thirteen States.






 continued federal supervision over the
public domain. Whatever the outcome
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porary officers and the selection of
the committee on permanent organ ization that the opponents of the Fer
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