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the conviction that the United States was intended to be a government of limited powers.

The author misses little of judicial authority or of literature bearing upon his subject. Farrand, *Records of the Federal Convention* (1911) would in some respects have been helpful, though the author is familiar with Professor Farrand's views. Edward S. Corwin, *The Spending Power of Congress* (1923) 36 HARV. L. REV. 548 is of distinct value on certain aspects of the problem. It would have been of interest to have the author's view more fully on *Massachusetts v. Mellon*, 226 U. S. 447, 43 Sup. Ct. 597 (1923), under which the spending power of Congress apparently becomes unlimited because no one may contest its exercise in court.

Although not convincing, this volume deserves a better dress than it has and a wider circulation than it is likely to obtain. The book was set, stereotyped and printed by the author, and is for sale by John Byrne & Company of Washington.

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