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structure, have been brought about more by political impulses than by rational inquiry, without identification of the problems or their causes, without apparent recognition of the options, and without any adequate analysis of the significance of what was being done.

Until about 20 years ago, our workers' compensation systems used to be studied from time to time by a Royal Commission, and major system changes emerged out of that process ; and of course since that time the processes of Royal Commissions have become more efficient. It is a matter of regret, and it will be a cause of great injustice as well as great waste, that governments have abandoned that practice in favour of making major system changes in more superficial ways.

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One consequence of our methods of system revision is that governments seem to have forgotten what is perhaps the primary rule in the design of any system of social insurance ; ie., try to keep it simple. In at least some jurisdictions, the appellate structures seem to be sinking under the overload of complexities.

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