SERIOUS MISCONDUCT IN OPENING STATEMENTS
was discussed by Wll Fluegel of Minnesota in the
Minnesota Trial Lawyer for Spring 2001. He lists the
categories as:
1) Advising the jury as to the effect of the verdict.
2) Implying or stating an erroneous principle of law.
3) Reference to insurance.
4) Argumentative opening statements.
5) Disparaging opposing counsel.
6) Disparaging a party, claim or defense.
7) Responding to an "open door" or the "rule of
   justifiable retaliation" is permitted but requesting
   and receiving a curative instruction is usually
   preferred.
8) Violating in limine orders.
9) Improper use of placards.
10) Motions for dismissal after opening argument.
    See also 75A Am.Jur.2d, Trial, §522 et. seq.; 31 West's
    Florida Digest 2d, Trial, §109 and pocket supp.; and