

MOST POWER HELD BY STATES

Congress *couldn't*:

- draft an army
- tax citizens
- collect debts
- print money
- settle disputes (among states)

States had the power to do all these..... **BUT** states didn't all agree..... **SO** Congress held little power when states disagreed.....

ONE BRANCH OF GOV'T

Legislative Branch only
(Executive Branch &
Judicial Branch not
included)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAS FEW POWERS

LEGISLATIVE branch only

(Legislative branch makes laws..... BUT 9 of 13 states needed approval to pass a law)

NO EXECUTIVE BRANCH

NO single leader for gov't

LACK OF LEADERSHIP from
central gov't

NO JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Feared that a strong central gov't would be unfair to individual states' rights

Led to disputes among states because gov't couldn't step in to help (Shay's Rebellion)

NO SYSTEM OF CHECKS & BALANCES

Congress couldn't "check" state's power, because..... states held more power than gov't!

No Balance in gov't.....