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Let  $p$  be an odd prime. H. Miller, D. Ravenel, and W.S. Wilson computed the 2-line of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence converging to the  $p$ -local stable homotopy groups of spheres, and found that it was generated by elements  $\beta_{i/j,k}$  for  $j$  and  $k$  satisfying some elaborate conditions (the divided  $\beta$ -family). I will identify a congruence condition amongst modular forms, and show that there is a one-to-one correspondence between modular forms satisfying this condition and the divided  $\beta$  family. I will also explain how the 1-line is related to Eisenstein series, reinterpreting a result due to A. Baker. (Received September 19, 2007)