

Then you will ask: "How do you propose to bring this about?" I answer as follows: "Take your own county for illustration. It contains so many acres of land in private ownership, part urban and part rural. There is a certain number of owners of these lands. Divide the quantity of each class by the number of its owners, and there will be certain results. For working purposes, arbitrarily make these results the present maximum limit of ownership for the respective classes of lands. Obviously many of the present owners have less than this maximum amount; a few of the others may have this amount; each of the rest owns more than the amount. Give to each of the last class his choice of his holdings to the maximum amount, and make the rest of his holdings public lands subject to acquisition under the existing public land laws adapted to the purpose; or under any better ones that may be devisable. Then provide the necessary official agencies for the operation of the system, and by taxation, provide the necessary funds for the compensation of the present owners when any part of their holdings may be taken in the manner prescribed. Of course, upon the approaching exhaustion of the lands so publicised, the system is to be applied again in the same way; and again and again as may be required by the successive appropriations of the publicised lands. Do you not see that the condition which you deplore and deprecate, and also all those unfavorable economic conditions which exist, whatever they may be, are due at least chiefly to the lack during the past of such a system as I have outlined? And is it not plain, therefore, that the remedy for all these conditions is the

adoption and maintenance of such a system? In other words, is it not plain that the thing needed, and the only thing that is needed economically, is this public land system as an adjunct to the private land system? Existing conditions are due to this wrong of omission on the part of everybody; not to the wrongs of commission on the part of the present owners of the natural resources. They have proceeded simply in accordance with the laws that have been adopted. And those laws are all right. But additional laws are needed in behalf of accruing members of society. For they are as much entitled to natural resources virtually free of cost except their own exertions in making the appropriations as any of those who, on these terms, acquired all that is now owned by anybody. The system proposed ought to have been adopted at the same time that the private land system was adopted. If this had been done, these conditions which are so wrongful to so many would not exist. But its adoption now would speedily dissipate existing conditions and bring about proper conditions. Why is it that this fact is not seen generally by human beings and action taken by them accordingly?

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