

ditions precipitated by the coal strike. Representative Gaines of Tennessee criticised the president and the attorney general and the district courts here for not enforcing the Sherman anti-trust law and the interstate commerce law against the alleged coal monopolies, suggested that the people of this city petition the district judges to enforce the law, and said that if the laws cannot be enforced "we can then see about impeaching the officials who fail of their duty." He closed by declaring that he would leave the convention to go to the capitol for the purpose of voting against the measure increasing the salaries of the judges. "We want to find out," he said, "whether it is a fact or not that the district judges have not attempted to enforce the laws applying to the coal trust. There has been a conspiracy in the District of Columbia to raise the price of fuel, and no attempt has been made to indict those who have been responsible. Will I vote for the bill to increase the salaries of these judges from \$4,500 to \$6,000 a year? I would lose my right arm before I would consent to raise their salaries one penny, with the record of their failure to do justice staring them in the face. When I leave here it will be to go to the capitol to vote against the bill to raise their salaries."

Representative Cochran of Missouri also criticised the inactivity of the courts in affording relief from trust extortion and their control by corporation influences. "Were a judge to drop dead this hour," he said, "before the widow's tears were dried the corporations would be selecting his successor and forcing their choice upon the appointive power." He went on to declare that an honest judiciary could, by enforcing all the laws we already have, drive every trust out of existence in six months.

An illustration of the power of the coal trust was cited. In her testimony before the coal strike commission, Mrs. Burns said she had worked as a charwoman in the Markle Coal company's office and her son in the mines for ten years and neither had ever received a cent of money, but were \$40 in debt at the end of that time to the company's store. Such conditions as these, all built up under republican rule, will inspire a doubt as to the willingness of the party in power to deal a blow at the trusts of any effect.

A minority report was submitted to the house yesterday by the democratic members of the house judiciary committee on the anti-trust bill recently reported by the committee. The views of the minority are submitted at considerable length. They propose an amendment which will make the bill applicable in its operations to existing corporations, as well as to those organized in the future, and will deny all corporations violating the Sherman anti-trust law the use of the mails

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telegraph, and telephone systems, as well as the other facilities of interstate commerce specified in the bill reported.

Another amendment proposes to make watered stock ground for declaring a corporation bankrupt. Still another amendment provides that every corporation engaged in interstate commerce wherever organized shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the state in which it may operate. Provision is made by the minority for the imposition of a tax on all corporations with a capital in excess of \$200,000. In addition to imposing a fine where common carriers knowingly transport the goods of a corporation violating the anti-trust law, provision is made by the minority for summary seizure and condemnation of such goods. Finally, the minority propose an amendment putting on the free list certain articles manufactured of steel, agricultural implements, paper and pulp for the manufacture of paper, window and plate glass, salt, and other articles.

The chairman of the house judiciary committee has asked for a rule for the consideration of the anti-trust bill, and also for the bill to expedite hearings brought under the Sherman anti-trust law. H. W. RISLEY.

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The Outlaw's Lament

The cold, starry vault, alone covers my head;
The mountains far up, are deep mantled with snow;
A wandering outlaw—denounced and in dread,
While hounds and man-hunters are trailing, below.
Wild beast and the wilderness—kinder than man—
Less ruthless and vengeful, to those who transgress.
Forgiveness and mercy are under a ban—
My blood for the blood—they will grant nothing less.

Oh, those merciless men! They pray every day
Their God to forgive, as they merciful grant
Free pardon to those who transgress—go astray!
Such prayers are naught; save a hypocrite's cant.

On, on to the mountains—the wilderness dense,
To hide from the mercy these Christians bestow.
To one who repents of his deadly offense
And loathes the fell deeds which the passionate know.

Through hunger and horror—an outcast, alone—
A price on my head and a hound on my track!
Man's vengeance craves blood—nothing less will atone
For the sins which were instinct—though brutal and black.

To die of starvation—be torn by a hound
Or plunge down the cliff on the rough rocks below—
To end the man-hunt—to meet death with a bound
Thus thwart the foul fate and its lingering woe.

Lie mangled and dying—tormented by thirst—
One chance in ten thousand—maybe to live free;
While wolf, man and buzzard, each strive to be first—
Small choice in the doom which is howling for me!
LYDIA PLATT RICHARDS,
Pasadena, Cal.

Isthmian Canal

Editor Independent: I see a great deal in the newspapers about the isthmian canal. We are no nearer having a canal than we were fifty years ago although we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars employing commissions to ramble around in Central

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America. I don't think we will ever build any canal, nor does anybody want one, for it would be of no use to the people of this nation if we did have it. No one would use it. It is about 700 miles nearer for a ship going from New York to Manila to go by the way of the Suez canal. Besides there is not a ton of coal by the isthmian canal, except what is carried by ships, and no markets for a ship to stop it; while by the Suez canal there is the finest market in the world and cheap coal at every port.

The produce of the Orient and California are largely perishable goods and can be shipped across the continent in four days, while it would take 30 days to go by a canal. These goods are largely used in the interior and would have to be reshipped to interior points. By railroad they could be distributed as the trains pass across the continent, so no one would use it to carry produce. It would be worthless in time of war, for no one would trust a great warship in it when it could be blown up any minute; further it is in a hot climate where white men cannot work on it and would not give employment to the American people.

The estimated cost is something like

180 million and it would probably cost twice as much to finish it. The money it would cost to build and maintain this canal would build a double track railroad from New York to San Francisco and equip it, besides leaving several millions dollars to work out on the highways. I will leave it to the readers of The Independent which would be best for the American people to spend, these hundreds of millions digging a worthless ditch in a hot climate where no one can live, or build a double track railroad across our own country owned by the government and run at actual expenses.

If a canal were built the expense of maintaining it would be several million dollars per year and the income would be practically nothing, as nobody would use it. The French people have been working down there for nearly fifty years and have spent hundreds of millions of dollars and now want to unload the worthless old ditch they have been digging for forty million dollars since we bought the Philippines at \$20,500,000. Every European country think they can sell us any old trash at their own price and it looks as if they can do it.

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