

cratic party as long as they think that it is just as bad or believe that it would be as bad if it had the same opportunity. If since 1896 the democratic party had spent as much time trying to convert republicans as it has spent trying to make peace with corporation democrats its position before the country would be immensely stronger.

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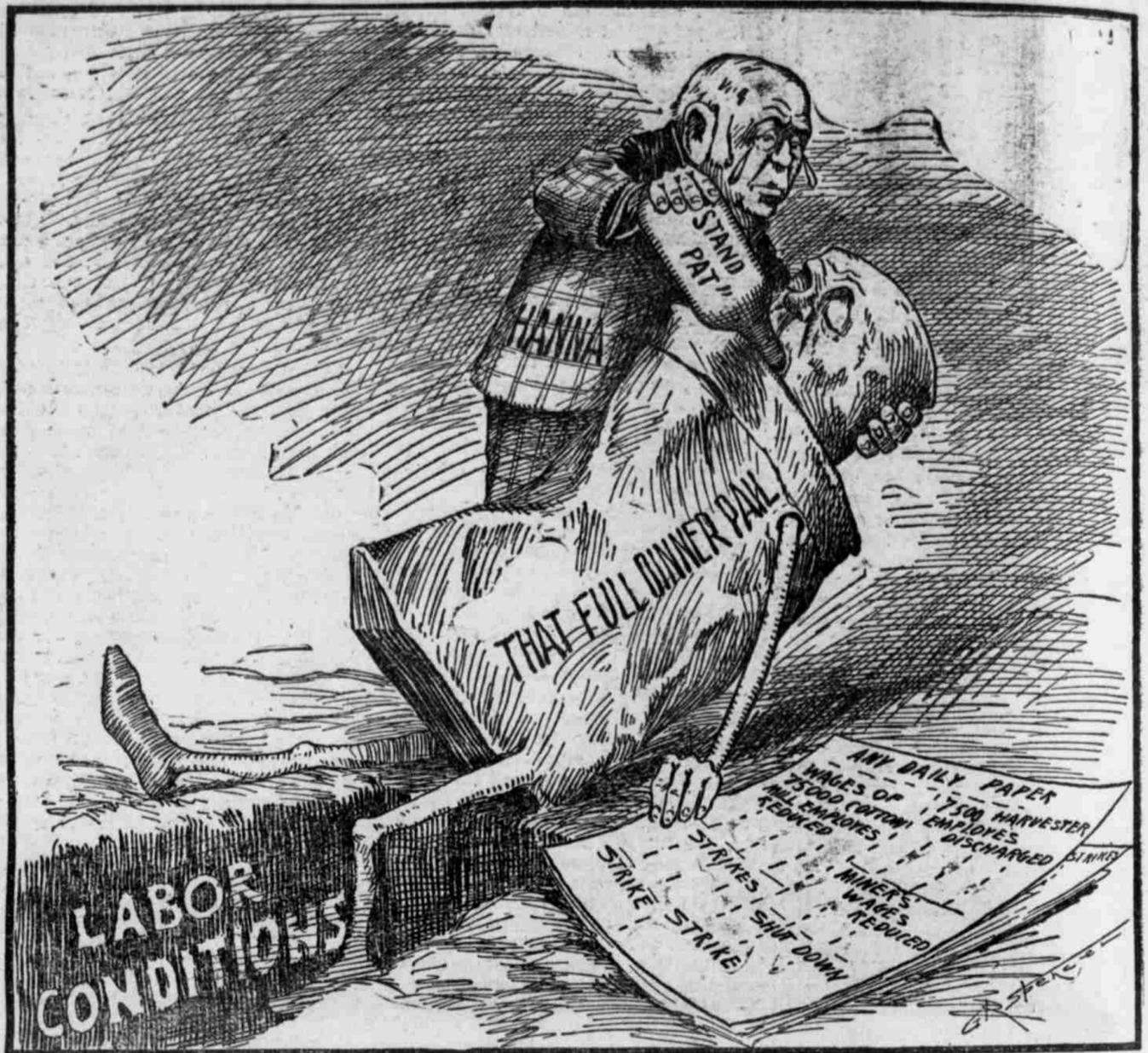
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