
rallroad officials. A compromise olll With whom were the people com promising? A dozen men comprising 'The System.' And why were the people obliged to compromise with these men? Because these twelve men had such influence with the people's repsuch infuence with the people's rep
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ate that $80,000,000$ of people could ate that $80,000,000$ of people could get what they wanted. Because these railroad companies had such influence in the Indiana legislature that the peo ple of this great state were compelled to compromise, not being able to get what they wanted.
"The people have been watching all

## Madison Square Garden Speech

There is a wide discussion in the press and among the people over that part of Mr. Bryan's great speech made in Madison Square Garden on August 30 which refers to government owner ship of railroads. Because of almos universal endorsement by democratic state conventions of Mr. Bryan as the ext candidate of his party for the presidency this speech is looked upon y many as containing a statement of campalgn of 1908
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In many respects this is true, but hat Mr. Bryan did not so regard that part of his speech referring to gov ernment ownership of railroads is ap parent from a careful examination of all he said on that question. Some express surprise that he should have spoken at all on this question because think, endanger his chance of election to the presidency. Mr. Bryan is in no sense a political trimmer. He has always in the past, and doubtless will in the future, speak boldly what he thinks is right on all public questions regardless of the effect it might have on his candidacy for office. Like Abraham Lincoln in his great debate with Douglas on slavery, he would declare for the principles he belleved to be right regardless of its effect on his public career. And it is this trait of Mr. Bryan in bravely and honestly public questions and refusing to sacrifice principles for expediency that marks his superiority over all public men of his day. While others are playing politics and watching the poitical weather vane, Mr. Bryan, for getting self, is speaking what he conscientiously believes to be for the best interests of the people. In honesty, bravery and moral courage no American of the present time approaches Mr. Bryan. In this respect he is the equal of Lincoln or Jefferson. Bryan would not piay politics even to become president, much less smother his convictions of what he thinks is right. Because of this traft of character he is the best loved and most widely respected man in the United States today, not excepting the very popular republican president
There should be no surprise now' at Mr. Bryan's views on the question of public ownership of railroads, as he announced them somewhat at length n the latter part of the year 1904 m i vigorous editorial in The Commoner inder the title "Deriocracy Must Move marwerd in Thege who Forward. Fow Yorls weech cerfalnly or his Now Yurprise after having can oot claim surprise alter having read his views as expressed in the Com noner almost two years ago. In the Madison Square Garden speech Mr. Bryan makes it clear that he is strongy opposed to socialism and in favor of individualism. He discusses public wwnership as a part of the trust quesfon and lays down the proposition, o which all democrats must agree, that private monopoly is "indefensible and intolerable" and must be destroyed. He takes the position that the trust question is the paramount issue in this congrestional campaign
these performances and they are geting tired of compromising with this handful of financlers. These are some frighe reasons why the people are not rightened at a proposed discussion of remedies and why they do not shy away from Bryan.

They want a man who will execute the people's will as expressed at the polls-not by compromising with s handful of public enemles, but by eaching such men that in this government of the people and by the peo ple the popular will; when once ex pressed, is the supreme law ande exhere are none so powerful as to stand up agalnst it."
and after that the tarif question. Certainly all democrats will agree to this.
In referring to public ownership as the final solution of that part of the rust question relating to the rallroads he uses this significant language, which shows clearly that he would not advocate government control of raliroads except as the last resor when all other remedies had falled that the country is "I do not know change. I do not know that a majority of my own party favor it," but he further states that he bases his con-

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