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wide-spread systematic propaganda and the election to congress of men in that interest that the railroads were returned to their former owners with immense accumulation of material as a bonus to them. Then there set in a similar propaganda as to alleged deterioration while under government control, and upon this was based the "Esch-Cummins" Act under which the former owners received a bonus, out of the public funds, of two billion dollars. Then followed a similar propaganda and machination by which private ownership cut down the wages of those who did the work 34 per cent, but at the same time there was not a cent taken off of the enormous salaries, in some cases hundreds of thousands of dollars, and totaling many millions, which the executives apportioned to themselves.

At the same time, with unparalleled greed, these executives had increased the burden upon the public by raising freights and fares.

In short, the return to private ownership meant millions out of the public treasury paid to private ownership, millions upon millions paid by the public to them by higher freights and fares and as much to be taken off of the earnings and the subsistence of hundreds of thousands of men and their wives and children in order that the swollen fortunes of the small body of men which really controls the entire railroad system of the country might be enormously increased, and this was to be followed by an increase in the hours of labor.

"The executives," as they style themselves, really the "overseers" for the capitalistic owners in London, and New York, evidently deemed that they were the government of this country, and that the public and the operatives of the railroads, coal mines and other public utilities existed solely for the profit of the owners of these corporations.

The men of this country resisted similar control by the Plutocracy of Britain in 1776. There was far more reason why the operatives of the coal mines and railroads of this country should now have struck as they have done, than there was for the action by our ancestors in 1776.

In making this strike, the operatives were fighting the battles for civilization and free government. If the government can operate as it does, the postoffice with 600,000 employees, and if it can operate its navy and its army, without private ownership and not for private profit, it can certainly operate its public utilities in the same manner.

The great necessity as to all public utilities is that they shall be operated solely in the public interest and upon a purely "cost system" without profit—just as the postoffice, the army and navy and other necessary institutions are being operated.

The result of the present system of operating public utilities as a source of private profit has been to accumulate enormous sums in private hands with a corresponding destitution among the many—those who do all the work in operating them.

There are over two hundred fortunes in this country estimated at over fifty or 100 millions each—one of them is as high as eighteen hundred million, and many annual incomes exceeding \$5,000,000 each. Not one of these could have been accumulated except out of the enormous profit derived from public utilities.

These enormous fortunes control politics, furnish the means of filling legislatures, congress and public offices of all kinds, with the agents of special privilege, and to execute the orders of predatory wealth. Like a snowball, the larger these aggregations, the more rapidly they increase.

They corrupt public life, destroy equality and debauch public mor-

ality and public opinion by systematic propaganda. They take from the young men the equality of opportunity which should be the boast, and is an absolute necessity for the continuance of free institutions.

These vast accumulations are the blight of both public and private honesty. To check these vast and deadly aggregations, which are fatal to liberty and our free institutions, we have resorted to a graduated income tax. But all men know that this is an abiding fraud and a delusion. It is evaded and has become merely a fruitful source of corruption.

The perpetuity of our institutions requires that these vast accumulations shall cease. Government by the people cannot survive such enormous power placed in a few hands and obtained, as all men know they must be by illegal methods and in disregard of law. The legislation against trusts has proven useless. Like the income and inheritance taxes it is simply evaded.

There is not one of these accumulations which has been legally made. To take an example, A well known man died in New York, recently, admittedly owning over two hundred millions accumulated within the last forty years. He had done nothing for the public benefit and when he died bequeathed nothing for public purposes. His only notable transaction that recalled him to mind was that some years ago when he was sought by the law to obtain evidence of illegal practices in violation of the Anti-Trust law, he could not be found until after long search his hiding place was discovered and then physicians readily testified that he had cancer of the throat, and could not talk. He survived this silence for many years and did not die of cancer.

Yet take a pencil and figure! If his services had been worth one hundred dollars a week, i. e., \$5,200 a year, and he had saved half of it, it would have taken him 77,000 years to accumulate this two hundred millions out of his fellow men. Is a system that permits such accumulation in thirty or forty years one that can be allowed to continue?

There is another who is credited with the ownership of nine times as much and repeated decisions of the courts have held the methods by which he obtained this enormous aggregation of property to have been in violation of law, but the power of his wealth has been such that he has clung to it. He is too powerful to have it taken from him. Yet on the same basis of \$5,200 a

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