

# WAGWORKER

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## GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION.

It is difficult for one who has more than a passing interest in the matter to write dispassionately of the decision of Justice Wright in the matter of the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison decision. It is easy enough for those who have no interests at stake to say that the decision is well founded, but it is different when one believes that very principle of liberty and equality before the law has been violated by the monstrous decision of Justice Wright.

There is this much about it—if the decision of Justice Wright is good law, evenhanded justice and equity, then there is no further use for legislatures, for congresses, for bills of rights and for juries. That decision, if it shall stand, marks the downfall of personal rights, and gives into the hands of a federal judge the authority to make and remake the rules which shall govern this republic.

The sentence of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison shows very clearly that organized labor stands no show before the courts as at present constituted. This may sound contemptuous, but the facts bear out the statement. It is quite evident that the courts are prepared to quickly locate the responsible party when that party is a union, but unable to locate the responsible party when that party is a trust magnate. It will strike the unprejudiced observer that it is queer that in all the prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust law the only men who have been adjudged guilty and sentenced to jail have been members of organized labor, while others who are men of great wealth and prominent in the management of trust affairs have merely been warned not to do it again.

Justice Wright's decision is hailed by every union hater as a great decision; it ought to be hailed by every union man as the death knell of unionism if it be not overruled. One has but to read the decision as handed down by Justice Wright to see the animus of the man who wrote it. Regardless of whether the findings are well founded in law, the fact remains that the decision reads like a report of the speech of the prosecution. It is full of denunciation, of abuse and of ill-tempered language. Its verbiage is such as to give ample excuse for the growing feeling of contempt for the courts. In it one can plainly see the man who is venting his hatred of unionism.

We have no feeling of sympathy for the three defendants who have been sentenced to jail for contempt of court. We have only a feeling of envy. To be guilty of contempt of such a court and of such a finding is something to be proud of, not something to be ashamed of. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison in jail would be worth more to the cause of individual liberty than all the editorials and all the stump speeches that could be delivered in a generation.

The case will now go to a higher court for settlement. Pending that settlement organized labor should be at work in its own interests. If that decision stands every union man might as well quit paying dues, for it means the end of practical unionism. But until final adjudication this humble little paper will continue to assert its right to speak its mind, subject only to duly enacted law, and regardless of the whim or the prejudice of a judge.

We do not patronize Buck stoves and ranges. The product of the Buck Stove and Range Co. is on our unfair list. No true blue union man will spend a dollar with the VanCleave outfit. The friends and patrons of the Buck Stove and Range Co. are unfriendly to toilers who have banded together for mutual help and protection.

We hereby declare in the most emphatic terms our contempt for Justice Wright, his decision and his court.

## THE NEW YEAR.

To each and every reader of The Wageworker, to every man and woman who toils, and to every one who aspires to greater liberty and to better things, The Wageworker wishes a happy and prosperous New Year.

What the new year has in store for organized labor depends almost wholly upon organized labor itself. One thing is sure, organized labor will get no more than it fights for, and it will be rewarded only in such measure as its demands are founded on justice and right. As long as it is content to accept what is doled out to it, just so long will it be helpless and impotent. As long as union men are the slaves of party just so long will they be slaves to judicial tyranny. Just so long as they meekly bow their heads to abuse just so long will they be ruled by federal ukase. The courts have little by little trenched upon individual liberty, until today trades unionism is practically outlawed. About all that is left for a union man to do is to pay his taxes and die. It is no longer legal to conduct the affairs of a union as one would conduct the affairs of any other business organization. The courts have decided that a union can not discipline its members; can not pay strike benefits, can not inform its members of matters vital to their industrial welfare. Unions have been declared trusts in restraint of trade within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust law, and while violators of that law who are big trust magnates escape, labor leaders are caught and sentenced to jail.

What the new year holds in store for organized labor only God and the federal judiciary know. But this much is certain—the future holds in store for organized labor nothing unless organized labor awakens to its duty to itself. The best wish we can express for the new year is that organized labor awaken to its duty to itself, and get busy in its efforts to throw off judicial tyranny.

Trust magnates adjudged guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law are enjoined, and when they violate the injunction are warned not to do it again. But when a union man is found guilty and enjoined he goes to jail if he fails to be good. Yet people wonder why the toilers are losing respect for the courts.

If Justice Wright sent to jail every man who feels utter contempt for him and his court, there wouldn't be left enough people on the outside to hustle jail grub for the rest of us.

Everybody who has a feeling of contempt for Judge Wright and his decision is cordially invited to send a dollar to The Wageworker for a year's subscription.

Of course the daily newspapers are flying to the defense of the rights of the workers. What's the use of supporting the labor newspapers?

Judge Taney's decision in the Dred Scott case was to slavery what Judge Wright's decision will be to judicial usurpation of authority.

If you are a union man you have forfeited many rights which the non-union man is allowed under the federal judicial system.

Nebraska is about to spend \$200,000 for a legislature when it could save \$175,000 of it by just letting judges enact the laws.

Good morning, Mr. Union Man! You'll be in jail tomorrow if you do not tear up that union card.

In the meanwhile you can be sure of hitting your industrial enemies by demending the union label.

Rather funny, isn't it, that the only known violators of the Sherman anti-trust law are union men?

What organized labor needs is not a separate political party but more commonsense and unity.

Now read the Wright decision and hurry out and patronize the product of some "scab" shop.

Human life is the cheapest thing on the market, and individual liberty is a mockery.

The boycott is illegal, but you do not have to patronize your industrial enemies—yet.

Contempt of court? No—just supreme contempt for some judges.

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Unfair—Buck stoves and ranges.

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What is more interesting is this important fact—every garment presented in this annual sale represents the season's newest styles nothing old, but all snappy up-to-date styles and every item offered at a strictly bona-fide reduction from our well known low prices.

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The Sale of \$7.00 and \$8.00 Skirts at \$5.00 has created a sensation. New 1909 Styles consisting of Chiffon P and French Voiles richly trimmed with satin bands to match in Black, Blue and Brown, at \$5



**Bonds of State Officers.**  
Owing to the fact that bonding companies have increased the price of bonds for state officers about 300 per cent several of the officers-elect are planning to give personal bonds. These range from \$10,000 to \$50,000, with the exception of the state treasurer's bond, which is for \$1,000,000.

The bonding companies have not increased the premium for the state treasurer's bond. As the bonds of other state officers are rather small, they are in position to give personal bonds without much trouble. Attorney General Thompson consulted persons in regard to signing his official bond. Tom Auld, a Lincoln banker,

is one who has promised to sign Mr. Thompson's bond. Governor Sheldon, the retiring governor, will be required to pass on the bond of the incoming state treasurer, L. G. Brian, who succeeds himself. He expects to give a guaranty bond as he did during his first term, and the state pays the premium.

Representative from the second district at his home in Nebraska has been a member of fifty-three