

## RULING BY INJUNCTION

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Government by Court Writs is the Result of Machine Domination and Destruction of Machines is Certain Under Popular Sovereignty

Government by injunction is that system of government which recently came into being with the new uses to which the injunction has been put.

These new uses of the injunction have resulted, first, in the abolition of trial by jury in certain cases, which is being gradually extended as occasion requires; second, the system prevents a review of the facts by higher courts; and third, a new legislative system is installed whereby certain acts in opposition to the rule of the few are declared unlawful by judges whom the ruling few nominate and elect.

#### Indictments Abolished

Incidentally, the system abolishes indictment. Furthermore, one becomes a prisoner as a result of a mere filing of charges by an attorney of the ruling few, coupled with an order by a judge. In this proceeding there are no witnesses, and no appearance of the defendant or his counsel. This is neither better nor worse than Russian despotism, and it has gone so far that in Chicago a recent injunction by Judge Heldom against the striking printers is of such a character that "it is absolutely impossible to obey" says John C. Harding, a speaker at a meeting of more than 1,000 members of Typo-

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graphical Union No. 16. The following resolution was adopted by the Chicago meeting:

"That for the preservation of the rights of the people it has become imperatively necessary that steps should be taken to limit the power of judges, lest by precedents and forms of law every innocent act be made criminal and punished as such at the pleasure of the judges."

#### Two Methods Open

There are two possible methods for retaking from the judges the excessive power they are exercising. Either reform legislation must be enacted by the party machine, acting through congress and the legislatures, or the people must re-establish themselves as a final power over legislation through the installation of a system whereby they can vote direct on public questions. This latter method is the more practicable as is demonstrated by the fact that government by injunction is a product of machine rule and is growing worse and worse. The underlying system, machine rule, must be terminated.

#### Make Sure of Candidates

This is recognized by organized labor. The American Federation of Labor representing one-eighth of the people of the country declared last year that the establishment of the people's sovereignty is the dominant issue and the resolution concludes with the following declaration:

"That every voter, is urged to agree with his fellow citizens that he will vote for such legislative candidates only as are pledged to the immediate establishment of the people's rule. Today, as in 1776, the establishment of political liberty is the dominant issue. Why should voters choose between rulers when they can at once become the sovereign power?"

#### Judges Indorse Referendum

Even the near return of the people's sovereignty places backbone in the judges. At Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. Justice Kruse of the supreme court in granting recently an application for a mandamus to the election commissioner of Erie county decided that a city council may order and pay for an advisory referendum vote provided the question relates to municipal affairs. Thus the court upheld the city council's authority to re-establish the people's sovereignty. With this power in the city council legally recognized the people of a city can easily gain their freedom locally by pledging the aldermanic candidates.

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