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# The People's Party

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For the first time the producing millions are fully aroused and the first real effort to take legal possession of the government will be made this fall. The recent great railroad strike more than anything was responsible for this. It very clearly demonstrated the fact that the strike can not protect labor from the robbing corporations now solidly united. To this fact it added the absolute proof that the machinery of the government is the means by which the corporations triumphed.

There is, then, but one thing to be done — take possession of the government. In no other way can labor be protected from wage robbery. The laboring people see this, and in every section of the country they are rushing into the ranks of the People's Party.

It is true that the People's Party is not perfect. Tens of thousands of those who will vote with it are not fully agreed to all its propositions. But if there are some flaws the main issue is right. Beneath the cloud of imperfections is the great principle of a government by the people. Upon this all the countless factions agree and to this they will cling until the People's Party has done its work — reconstructed the government.

Rally, then, to the People's Party. It should receive every labor vote. It is the only party uncompromisingly opposed to the government as it stands. It is the only party which is the deadly enemy of trusts and corporations, and the steadfast friend of the producers. Labor can be true to itself only by voting for the People's Party.

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