

The Omaha Injunctions.

"Government by injunction" would appear to have about reached the limit in connection with the labor troubles at Omaha, Neb. A fortnight ago Judge Munger of the United States district court for Nebraska granted a temporary injunction restraining the striking union teamsters of Omaha from interfering in any improper way with nonunion teamsters. The order specifically forbade picketing, menacing by force of numbers congregated to intimidate, threatening directly or by procurement, following nonunion men to their homes to attack or frighten them and the further maintenance of an organization having for its object the restraint of interstate commerce by interfering with the movement of merchandise in transit through Omaha.

By way of retaliation the representatives of the union and of local labor organizations generally later secured from Judge Dickinson of the district court of Omaha, a state court, an injunction against the Business Men's association and others named as defendants. This injunction forbade them to threaten to injure the business or persons of any member of a labor union or any person who may desire to employ such union member. It also enjoined them from refusing to sell goods to employers of such union labor or from discriminating against them in prices; also, to quote the press report, it enjoined them—

From threatening or intimidating in any manner any person into joining the said Business Men's association or any organizations to join labor unions.

From threatening or intimidating any person who may have become a member of said association or organization if he employs organized labor or recognizes labor unions into discontinuing such employment.

From imposing any fines upon its members or any person for violating any agreement not to employ organized labor or not to recognize a labor union.

From receiving or paying out any money whatever in pursuance of any agreement to break up labor unions, except attorneys in this action.

From paying or offering any money to officers or members of unions directly or indirectly as a bribe to do or not to do any act in pursuance of any agreement of any of said defendants against such unions.

From importing or engaging agents or servants to import any laborers into the city of Omaha or state of Nebraska in pursuance of any existing plan to destroy labor organizations or under any similar or new arrangement or plan.

From bringing any other injunction suits or actions in pursuance of any general plan of prosecutions to break up labor unions or of any new or similar plans connected directly or indirectly with any existing plans.

The two instances illustrate how the injunction order may be made to "work both ways," though both apparently carry to undue length this much abused method of legal procedure. The wage earners of Omaha have an unquestioned right to organize and to strike if they choose to do so. To the extent of forbidding violence the order of Judge Munger was a perfectly proper injunction, though such acts could be punished under the common or statutory law without resort to the restraining process.

If, on the other hand, the bitterness of the struggle now going on in Omaha has led the employers and business men to resort to illegal methods to coerce others into acting with them the restraining order of Judge Dickinson was perfectly proper in so far as it was necessary. The employers have no right to threaten or to boycott any one who employs union labor, to coerce employers into joining them in resisting union demands or to do anything which has for its object the disruption of labor unions which have a right to exist. If, however, they have descended to bribery of the officers or members of the unions they have been guilty of acts contrary to public policy and destructive of business morality, which are punishable under the common or statutory law, and thus far at least an injunction was unnecessary.

At all events, the rival injunctions do nothing to clarify the situation at Omaha and might as well not have been issued.

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