

LABOR WILL FIGHT JUDGE ANDERSON, SAYS GOMPERS

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Washington, Nov. 2.—Labor regards the injunction of Judge Anderson against the organization of the Williamson coal fields of West Virginia and Kentucky as a flagrant violation of the Clayton law and as a blow aimed at the right to organize, without which the union movement cannot exist.

It regards Anderson's decree as an effort to establish a principle which, if upheld, would destroy the union movement and begin all over again the long battle of the workers against the use of the injunction as a weapon in industrial warfare. Labor thought it had won this battle when President Wilson signed the Clayton act in 1914.

Further, the decision is considered a part of the whole national open shop movement, the success of which it is held would vitally weaken unionism.

The abolition of the "check-off system" under which employers collected dues from miners for the United Mine Workers, is in itself a matter of deepest import to the labor movement.

BACK AGAINST WALL
Labor will fight Judge Anderson to a finish, for it has its back against the wall. It has been on the offensive since its war began slipping away from it two years ago. Now it is desperate.

"Judge Anderson's injunction forbids men to organize," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. "The bill of rights gives them constitutional freedom and the Clayton act gives them the guarantee of statute law. Judge Anderson sweeps away both of these guarantees as if they were but the merest scraps of paper. He plays the part of autocrat well, but sooner or later every autocrat has his fall."

"Injunctions will not stop organization of the workers. Organization of the workers will rise superior to injunctions."

"There is a great moral issue at stake, and the side of justice and freedom and humanity will not be abandoned, even at the behest of this modern Jeffries, Judge Anderson."

Gompers characterized as ridiculous the argument that there was a conspiracy, or an attempt to obstruct interstate commerce.

"Judges also have said that to free little children from grinding toil also interferes with interstate commerce," he said.

The reason for organizing in West Virginia, Gompers declared, was "to

destroy persecution, to destroy mine owners' autocracy, to destroy rule by gunmen, to civilize the mines, to make human life better and more livable."

Gompers quoted sections of the Clayton law which he said Anderson flouted. One declares that labor is not a commodity and that nothing in the anti-trust laws should be construed as forbidding the existence of labor organizations, or the attempts to carry out their objects. Another says no injunction shall issue in industrial disputes, unless "necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property," and unless there is no adequate remedy at law.

TO BE DISREGARDED
A hint of the possible course of labor was furnished by the statement of Gompers that "it has been considered and deliberate action of conventions of the American Federation of Labor that injunctions of this character may be disregarded, be the consequences what they may."

Gompers said the result of decisions like that of Anderson's was to take the direction of the labor movement out of the hands of the rational and orderly forces that have been directing it.

"The workers will then find some way to express and protect themselves and protest against conditions and will out a short shrift with conservative and constructive leaders," he said.

Spiritualistic Pat Sweeney With Aide Ordered From Court

"Get out of here and don't bother me with your troubles."

Such was the final explosive disposition of the case against Dr. Angus, 214 East Seventh street, spiritualist and medium, who faced Judge Rossman Tuesday, on a charge of conducting a spiritualist meeting for the purposes of fraud.

Angus is said to have held a seance before the complainants, which was represented as being free. When they left he demanded \$1 each, they said, and when he was refused he pulled out a deputy's star and demanded money. Alex Hoek, complainant, gave him 75 cents.

For a long while Angus told of his spirit conversation with a ghostly Pat Sweeney, while spiritualistic fans who packed the court room demonstrated their approval.

"Who is Sweeney?" demanded the judge.

Angus endeavored to identify his ghost, but the judge was unconvinced.

"Well, if intelligent people will patronize a man like this, the law will certainly not protect them from getting duped," said the court. "There must be something wrong in a person's noodle who will fall for this bunk."

The spiritualist spoke up to get in the last word.

"Get out," cried the judge. "The idea of taking up the court's time with a bunch of nonsense like this."

SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES SHOWING BEFORE TAX BODY

The Sheriff's office went under the fine tooth comb of the tax supervising and conservation commission and did not seem to lose much hair by the ordeal.

Elections during the coming year will cost the county \$19,800, according to the estimate of Sheriff Hurlburt, some \$9000 more than the last time. This increase, it was explained, is due to a new law enacted by the last session of the legislature, which requires two rooms for the use of the judges and clerks of election instead of one. It means the elimination of the donated or rented garage and a lot of extra fusing on the part of the sheriff's office in the way of furniture and equipment.

JAIL IS GAINING
The county jail is a growing institution, so far as population is concerned. On the first of the present year it had more prisoners in it than at any time in the history of the county. These are being fed at the rate of 20 cents a meal, or 60 cents a day, and, incidentally, the United States marshal, agent for Uncle Sam, is some \$14,000 in arrears for the board bill of federal prisoners kept in the Multnomah jail.

The sheriff maintained that he kept a pretty good hotel, a place where prisoners were neither over nor under fed. Long time men usually came out with from 20 to 30 pounds more fat on their bones than when they went in, he said. He also related that sympathetic citizens were aiding the taxpayers in the feeding of prisoner as a large quantity of food, in the aggregate, was sent to the jail annually for the use of the prisoners.

"When a man sends up a sack of doughnuts and a prisoner eats a couple he has just that much less room for county food," the sheriff explained, "so that the county is the gainer."

SINGLE MATRONS HELP
The sheriff also drew a broad smile from Chairman Mulkey, who is a bachelor, during the course of his discussion concerning the management of the jail, by stating that the matrons in charge of the women's department "were not incumbered with husbands." The married men attending the conference did not smile so vocally as the chairman.

Prohibition enforcement is a money-maker for the county, which has collected some \$14,000 in fines since the first day of the year, at an expense of approximately \$2800. Most of the prohibition work is being done through his office at this time, Sheriff Hurlburt said.

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