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As long as the farmer must ship over the privately owned railroads, and pay the exorbitant rates they demand; as long as he must sell his grain to the elevator and milling trust; as long as he must sell his live stock to the packers' trust; as long as he must buy his machinery of the harvester trust, his sugar of the sugar trust, his salt of the salt trust, his coffee of the coffee trust, his clothes of woollen and cotton trusts and his lumber of the lumber trust-in fine, as long as the farmer must sell his products in a trust controlled market at whatever price the trust owners are pleased to offer, and buy his necessities in a trust controlled market at whatever price the trust owners are pleased to demand, just so long will the farmer, his wife and his helpless children slave for a pittance as meager as that doled out to their wage employees, by these selfsame trusts.

The material interests of the wage earner, the salaried employe and the farmer are identical. They are each and all alike the plundered victims of as vicious a system of robbery as ever enslaved the human race. They are, indeed, "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for a master class as rapacious and insatiable as any that ever ruled and robbed mankind. No other system of human slavery conceived in the mind of man was as insidious and deceptive, as buutal and heartless, as is capitalism. Its beneficiaries hold forth to mankind the fatuous hope of individual success, of acquiring wealth and power at the expense of their fellows; all unmindful of the fact that where one individual under capitalism achieves fame and fortune, or even a competence, ten thousand sink and die in poverty.

And the injustice of the system is that it justifies this result on the ground that those who did not succeed were failures because they deserved to fail. In other words that the millions who have lived and died in ignorance and poverty, could have succeeded under the present system, had they so desert, which lures the traveller to continue their robbery?

certain death, is no more cruel or deceptive than are the false promises of

Capital in Control.

Capital in control. Capital is the means used to exploit labor. This means that the owners of capital will not operate mills, etc., unless they can skin the working class. A factory will not be operated unless it can be made to show unearned revenues for its owners. A railroad that cannot show graft for its owners will be sold or abandoned. Houses that do not bring in a revenue will be allowed to fall into decay. Yet you are not allowed to enter into a vacant house and live in it. The owner would eject you. A. group of workers cannot go and operate an idle factory. The capitalist owners would arrest them for trespass. Socialists say they want the means of production operated by the producers without rent, interest or profit going to the capitalist class. This seems ridiculous to the capitalists. They say that it is impossible. Factories won't run, railroads will rust, and the people will starve in the midst of plenty. . What they say will not happen at all. But the capitalists cannot look at the question with common sense. They cannot imagine themselves not owning the establishments. Of course, as long as the capitalists own, they will allow the places to rot down if they cannot derive rent, interest and profit from them. Socialists say that rent, interest and profit will be abolished, and the capitalists think the means of production will rot.

It will be no such thing. For the Socialists will take the ownership from the capitalist class and vest it in the collective working class. Then they, the workers, can run the mills, mines, railways, etc., and they can run them even if no rent, interest and profit be paid. When the capitalists get hard up, they shut down their mills and produce a panic. But under Socialism there will be no hard times, for the factory doors will always be open to the working class, and they can go in and make shoes and bake bread and mine coal, and no master class stricken with fear will be around to say them nay. The capitalist owners may just as well make up their minds now as later, that their bugaboo tales can only make shivers crawl up and down their own backs.—Cotton's Weekly,

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