



MARCHING ON A PACE

Are we afraid of being fired?—There are 49,000,000 jobs. I can go to should I become "fired" on this one.—There are 2,000,000 bosses waiting with power to hire me as soon as I am at liberty—Liberty.

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If every boss cans me once I'll be well along in years by the time the last foreman invites me to "see the timekeeper."

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If I get fired twice per day I'll be 2,739 years old when the last pair of bosses requests my resignation.—By that time quite a few bosses will have been fired and I can start all over again.

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Doesn't look as if I'll run short of bosses. Will they hire me? You bet! You see, hope springs eternal in foreman's breast.

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We have not been fired for so long a time that we are beginning to feel ashamed of myself.—We blush even as we mention it, for have we not taken a sacharine oath to work for all bosses (in order to find "that good one," we hear so much about). We hope he doesn't die young.

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Rules Against Minimum Wage Law—headline. "Judge Van Orsdel, in District of Columbia, declares act unconstitutional." The "minimum" was an "act of congress." The decision of the judge proves conclusively that congress wasn't up to snuff when it made this law—laid this rule.

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It must be tough on congress to have its stuff edited by the district court of appeals—such is life, but never mind dear congress.—I, the revered T-bone Slim, had the same trouble when we first took up writing as a life work.

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In delivering the opinion of the court Justice Josiah A. Van Orsdel declared that "no greater calamity could befall the wage earners of this country than to have the legislative powers to fix wages upheld."—Speaking from the depth of my experience I unhesitatingly endorse this view in so far as I believe the men, themselves, and women, organized in the I. W. W. should and will fix their own wages to suit themselves.

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"It would deprive them of the most sacred safeguard the constitution affords," the justice said. "They take from the citizen the right to *freely contract* and sell his labor for the highest wages which his *individual skill* and efficiency will demand." (Italic ours).

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Skill and efficiency do not demand anything!—Our board and clothes, today, comes as a free will offering from organized capital!

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Too long have the American workers demanded as skillful *individuals*—little have they demanded and received less.—It is high time the workers get next to themselves, organize (their demands) in the one big union of the world. She still holds good.

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A living wage is no good to us in these profit taking days.—We are not a mere creature of state, an automaton to end our days in harness.

The Judge is right.

T-BONE SLIM.