

T-BONE SLIM DISCUSSES

SLIM IS SLAMMED

EDITOR INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY. FELLOW WORKER:—We are just in receipt of Sol dated April 5 via the smuggle route, which is necessary owing to hostility in this layout. Our attention was called to an article by T-bone Slim by an 18 carat gyppo in which Slim says: "Any woodsman knows that a team can skid twice as much as a gang of sawyers can cut." Now we are willing to admit we do not know much, and are continually swallowing all kinds of bunk, but we sure know the science of logging.

That statement is the bunk, as there never was a team bred that could do it. As I write the argument is getting hot, and Slim sure started something for us to prove to the average scissors in the woods. Of course this is only a small thing to kick on, but isn't it a fact that writers for our publications must adhere as closely as possible to the truth in order to effectively combat capitalist propaganda and educate the workers.

I also know that the present editor on Sol has played the logging country, so can easily see why we object to such bunk. We are beginning to think hereabouts that a few months in the logs for Slim would jog his writing ability some. As far as our arguments go it would take Paul Bunyon's blue ox with Jerusalem Slim as skinner to skid as much as some of the gyppos here are cutting. They are simply log mad.

Outside of this article Sol is just as perfect as ever, and we regret our inability to get it regularly. Even our mail is jeopardy most of the time.

With best wishes we remain

Yours for the I. W. W.

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SLIM'S ANSWER

The logging described in "Earnt Praise" article is not "good logging" and happened on or about March 15 at Star Lake, Wis., for Stange Lumber Co. It refers only to such logging where (1) saw gang, (1) swamp-er and (1) teamster work one side of skidway; big timber; white pine; low stumps; 25-40 logs day's cut. Team is capable of skidding 90-120 logs per day. Am sorry I neglected to mention Wisconsin.—That's railroad—spring-logging, to tracks; short strips—this should have been mentioned.—Oh well, that was a case where the "soul of brevity was a lack of wit." But look at the space saved. . . . T. B. S.