

I have hereinbefore offered few remarks  
 anent busted planks so in all fairness it is  
 up to me to give a concrete example:  
 This is a political State of democratic per-  
 suasion in republican form and when we coun-  
 tenance in it unrestricted, self appointed  
 industrial autocracy that is a busted plank  
 in the side of the "ship of state." I hope that  
 one is sufficient but, have no doubt, if we look  
 around we will find a few Kingposts, stanchions and  
 beams in bad shape and the chime seam open...  
 Yessir, boys and girls of the working class, if the  
 boss saw you eating a cutrate, 46 cent steak  
 he would begin to think he is getting careless  
 in money matters and if he couldn't find in  
 his books how you got that 46 cents he would  
 accuse you of robbing the poor-box — and a 46  
 cent steak is strong evidence in any police court —  
 he expects you to live on grass and weeds from  
 your garden and drink "lots of water."  
 Say, if something isn't done about this dam depres-  
 sion it will crystalize into character and become  
 chronic. True enough F.D.R. pulled some new skin  
 over it but the pus is still present; Steamshovels  
 are turning hand springs. Steamboats jumping from  
 wave to wave. Railroad trains screeching night  
 and day. Houses vacant. (Sloan says build) Towns de-  
 serted, wrecked. Cities anemic. States beggars...  
 Nobody making money but industrial and financial  
 buzzards. Nearly-weeds moving in with pappy in law  
 — he has little left from 1900; the old nickle squeezer.