
Labor's Inning (September 30, 1899)

Labor will meet the “swift and intense concentration of capital” by the “swift and intense concentration of labor.” The swifter and intenser the concentration the better. The trust is the final manifestation of this concentration before labor has its inning. Here is the order of development: the individual, the firm, the trust, the *people*.

As a socialist, therefore, I hail the trust. I view its development and expansion with supreme satisfaction, and I would not, if I could, check its growth by laying so much as a straw in its way. The socialists want the trusts. When they are ripe, the people will be ready, and then there will be a change of ownership and operation.

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