

crime under the laws of the State of principles in speech and press.

# Bosses' Hopes Blasted

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Unquestionably the fact that we were able to split the jury in my case represents a real victory for us. When we went into Michigan to begin the case we found a community that had been thoroly propagandized by the Department of Justice and other willing tools of the great capitalist interests. But after four weeks of the trial a wonderful change took place in public sentiment.

Just as the jury was split in two over the issue, so was the public at large. Great numbers of the local citizenship became fully convinced as the evidence developed that we were making a real battle for the rights of free speech and free assemblage.

Much credit for this remarkable shift in public opinion is due to the able way in which our attorneys brought out our case, and likewise to the frank and fearless testimony of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg. He gave the citizenry generally a liberal education in Communist history, principles, and tactics.

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With the prevailing state of public opinion, which is highly favorable to us, I doubt very much if the prosecution can convict any of the defendants in Berrien County. What the exploiters of the country calculated would be a crushing defeat of the revolutionary forces, will doubtless turn into one of the most notable victories for progress in recent times.