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### Putting It Up To The Workers

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Some weeks ago a correspondent suggested that Solidarity-should not neglect or ignore the unemployed question. We are not, as our news and editorial columns will show, from week to week. Moreover, the editor notes with satisfaction a phenomenon in this winter's unemployed movement, that he has been patiently waiting for the past few years. That is the disposition of the I. W. W. in many quarters, to take charge of this unemployed agitation on its own responsibility alone. Heretofore it has been the custom to form an "Unemployed League" or conference, inviting representatives of all radical organizations to help formulate plans and carry on agitation in behalf of the unemployed. The result has been much talk and very little or no-could only be achieved by a succession of compromises that left little room for vital action. When the agitation season ended, the unemployed went their way with a feeling of disappointment, and with no idea of attaching themselves to any of the organizations represented in "their conference." At the same time, all the other organization is involved, were only too willing to saddle "all responsibility for the joint failure, upon the I. W. W. alone; while our organization was of course made the "goat" of official persecution and head-houting.

Now, with pleasure, we note a change, New York, Portland, Xivi, with pleasure, Providence; and other centers of unemployment, seems to be developing well-defined I. W. W. movements, in which the problem is being put squarely up to the workers must be made to see that only through their own action and their own organization, can unemployment be relieved and finally done away, with altogether. This positive atti-

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The way out is simple. It consists in wresting the management of industry and of society from the capitalists, and transferring it to the working class. Think of workers in a co-operative society or industrial commonwealth managing the steel industry, for instance, like Judge Gary and his capitalist associates are now managing the same—with wages so low for thousands of slaves that they must dwell in basements or crowded, unsanitary, disease-breeding tenements; with hours of to same that they must dwell in basements or crowded, unsanitary, disease-breeding tenement; with hours of to same that the first the first that the first the first that the first the first that the first that they must defend and culture, and little for recreation or amusement! On the contrary, the workers would manage that industry with an entirely different objective. Their problem would be simply to produce the quantity and quality of steel products required by society. If workers were too few for the amount of work, more would be secured to divide up the tasks; or every known improvement in the machine process would be installed to lighten labor and increase productivity. If, on the contrary, there should be too many workers, or too much steel produced, some would be released to other industries, on the hours of toil cut down to the minimum. Instead of four fifths or more of the values produced by the steel workers going that in the hands of the common steel the first the contract of the common steel of the

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He has a job, this worker. He is happy; he is glad; he is enjoying life. A job—to work ten hours, every day—for somebody else. A job—it makes him bright and cheerful; makes him smile and laugh and sing!

Happy man! Does he not receive wages for his toil? Wages—a few pieces of silver. With them we can buy bread; can sustain life—aye, and enjoy the living of life!

He looks at the pieces of silver—they fascinate him; he jinglesthem in his pocket; their music charms him; they are his masters! The fool! He works, smiles, sings—lingles his pieces of silver and laughs—at his own folly.

He is contented, this worker. He does not believe the talk of ranting agritators; they are dangerous men; destroyers of personal liberty; disturbers of society; deflers of law and order; his employer says so; his priest says so, and they are wise men, and so is he—a wise man! Agritators!—he will have hone of them! He will not read their writings nor listen to their teachings. He does not believe in unions. He hates them!—especially the 1. W. W. They destroy a man's individuality; make him dependent; they sell only vuin.

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He is an independent man; he stands on his own feet; he is his own boss—no union for him—he knows!

Has it not been said that life is a survival of the fittest, and is it not true—and is he not fit? He is! And so he slaves, and laughs and jingles his silver—happy man! He has a job!

He loses the job, this worker. To be sure he was fit—but not quite fit enough! Not fit enough to survive—the speeding up! So he was fired! When he asked his employer for a square deal he was tool to—beat it! When he remonstrated, he was tool to—go ver—they no longer jingled; they were gone! He smile left his, face, he did not sing—or laugh—he was sad!

Fear seized his heart; he was cold, homeless, hungry, without silver—without a job! His job!—it was gone. Oh Christ! He looked for another job—then begged for one—then prayed for one—all to no avail! He had lost his job; he could not get another; he was starvings, so he stole!

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He stole—and was caught and arrested. He was brought before the judge and found guilty—by process of law, sacred law; he was sentenced. Had he anything to say? He had! When he started to speak, the judge smiled, and whilst he was still talking they led him away—to jail!

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