

instance in any English speaking community where the fellow servant rule was set aside. A number of progressive measures were passed and the promised amendment of the constitution directing the legislature to pass the eight hour law for miners and such other employments as they deemed injurious to health and dangerous to life and limb, <sup>was proposed.</sup> In the meantime the Western Federation of Miners had gone over into <sup>the</sup> Socialist <sup>camp</sup> and had taken enough votes away from the Democrats so that a Republican administration and legislature were elected in 1902 and no eight hour law was passed at that session. In 1905 an ineffective eight hour law was passed governing just a few men in the most hazardous part of the workings and it was only after repeated attempts that the legislature which met in 1911 passed an eight hour law. The initiative and referendum had been adopted by the people and the first example of its workings was shown by the employers circulating a petition to refer the eight hour law. This was done and the law was held up for a vote until the election of 1912. The employers, it was supposed, circulated another eight hour law almost similar in text with the one that had been passed but very ineffective. The two of them were passed as it was difficult for the voters to distinguish which was the ~~legak~~ one supported by the labor organization and which was the other. It was then in order for the legislature of 1913 to clear