

to the few has enabled them to dominate the many, thereby tending to destroy the political equality which is the cornerstone of democratic government.

Militarism. — We call for a return to the truths of the fathers, and we vigorously protest against the spirit of Mammonism and of thinly veiled monarchy that is invading certain sections of our national life, and of the very administration itself. This is a Nation of peace, and we deplore the appeal to the spirit of force and militarism which is shown in ill-advised and vainglorious boasting and in more harmful ways in the denial of the rights of man under martial law.

Transportation Monopoly. — A political democracy and an industrial despotism cannot exist side by side; and nowhere is this truth more plainly shown than in the gigantic transportation monopolies which have bred all sorts of kindred trusts, subverted the governments of many of the States, and established their official agents in the national government. We submit that it is better for the government to own the railroads than for the railroads to own the government, and that one or the other alternative seems inevitable.

We call the attention of our fellow-citizens to the fact that the surrender of both of the old parties to corporative influences leaves the People's party the only party of reform in the Nation.

Therefore we submit the following platform of principles to the American people:—

Money and Banks. — The issuing of money is a function of government, and should never be delegated to corpora-