

that without ancient slavery there would have been no modern socialism. It is very easy to make preachments about slavery and to express our moral indignation at such a scandalous institution. Unfortunately the whole significance of this is, that it merely says that those old institutions do not correspond with our present conditions and sentiments engendered by these conditions. . . . And when we enter this matter we are obliged to say in spite of all contradictions and accusations of heresy, that the introduction of slavery under the conditions of that time was a great step forward."

All previous class struggles have been waged in the interest of a minority class with the help of the workers. Today the class which represents social progress are the workers, which embraces all that is essential in the industrial process, and which, being in the overwhelming majority, has not to depend on another class like all previous classes. It is the duty of the Socialist to make the facts of history known to his fellow workers. This I have endeavored to do in these articles. Let us point out to our fellow workers that in capitalist society living labor is but the means to increase accumulated labor, or capital, for the owners. Socialism means accumulated labor is but a means to widen, enrich and promote the existence of the laborer. The mechanical development of the productive forces of today requires production on a large scale, and if we