

PREAMBLE

Disorganized labor has no protection—the weak are devoured by the strong. All wealth and all power centre in the hands of the few, and the many are their victims and their bondsmen ; and, in studying the history of the past, the impartial thinker must be impressed with the truth of the above. In all countries, and at all times, capital has been used by those possessing it to monopolize particular branches of business, until the vast and various industrial pursuits of the world have been under the immediate control of a comparatively small portion of mankind.

Year after year the capital of the country becomes more and more concentrated in the hands of the few ; and in proportion as the wealth of the country becomes centralized, its power increases, and the laboring classes are impoverished. It, therefore, becomes us, as men who have to battle with the stern realities of life, to look this matter fairly in the face. There is no dodging the question. Let every man give it a fair, full and candid consideration, and then act according to his honest convictions. What position are we to