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Demands for higher wages, greater leisure, and more security are demands for the means to an independence and freedom not otherwise obtainable. The demand for "control" is the economic counterpart of the demand for political democracy. Both were aimed against the doctrine of divine right in the one case of kings or political rulers, and in the other of capitalists or economic rulers.

The trade union movement is essentially a moral movement, seeking to satisfy profound spiritual needs, and striving to express an ever-deepening purpose. Historically it must rank with the great movements, all of which, whatever the plane in which they worked, had essentially a common end to enlarge the bounds of human freedom.

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Trade Unionism will pass from the un-self-conscious stage of instinctive defence to the stage of deliberate constructive effort towards the realization of industrial freedom.

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