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So far from King's statement being un-American, it is animated by the best principles of our civilization. We believe that the public should not be dragooned by law, but led into the right course by suasion.

There is little virtue in enactments unless they are backed by public sentiment, and the law and order that some seek which would permit the burning of mine plants and deny to the owners the right of defense is an order which, while it may commend itself at times to the Colorado legislature, or parliament, is advantageous to no one, certainly not to the workmen, and it can never bring peace.

The animus against the Rockefellers is largely a manufactured sentiment. Like Robin Hood, the older Rockefeller has largely despoiled the rich by methods formerly followed by the general business world and enriched the poor by the giving of liberal wages. One of the charges against the older Rockefeller which has stuck is that he paid his men in the oil fields of Pennsylvania wages bigger than his competitors could afford and gave his men model treatment without any taint of paternalism.

One cannot understand why, to the workingman, Rockefeller has not been a popular idol. Those well-to-do who have suffered from his competition are far more willing to do him honor than the workmen to whom he was always a ready paymaster and an unmagnetic though by no means an ungenerous friend.

He is largely the victim of the organized discontent of the coal fields, and it would seem that he must often contrast the frugal, industrious, appreciative American employees in the oil fields of Pennsylvania who pumped his wells and pipe lines with the polyglot and too often discontented people he now has to deal with on his coal mining properties.

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