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The Genesis of the Investigation of Industrial  
Relations by the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Relation  
of both to the Colorado situation.

Points to be brought out clearly:

The origin of the Foundation itself.

It was for many years the custom of Mr. Rockefeller in dealing with applications or suggestions concerning philanthropic objects, to base his decision upon an expert investigation of the merits of each case. As time went on, the task of deciding wisely upon an ever increasing mass of applications, and, what was even more important, of providing the constructive imagination necessary for intelligent philanthropy, became more and more onerous.

For these reasons, Mr. Rockefeller felt the need of organizations or groups of counsellors specially fitted to deal with such matters, and which should be independent of the life of any individual. He has accordingly for the past fifteen or twenty years delegated his activities in this direction more and more to the various organizations and institutions he has created. The more important of these, each with its separate and independent funds, are: The General Education Board, the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Had Mr. Rockefeller, Sr. desired to use these funds for ends other than those designated in the charter, he would not have parted with them to trustees and subjected their use to restrictions trustees might impose, and to the supervision by the Legislature of the State which granted

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