

with the employer, Unions seem now to be going on to create for themselves a monopoly of labour. To this the community never has submitted and never can submit. Freedom of labour is the rightful inheritance of every man and the vital interest of all. The defensive forces of the community are slow in gathering to resist usurpation. But they will gather at last, and when they do the end is certain. I see it announced, with apparent complacency, that a man has lost his trade and his livelihood, with that of his family, if he has one, because he sold goods without the Union label. What more oppressive could the master class in the time of its tyranny have done? A Union is a self-constituted power. If a man could be ruined by the edict of self-constituted power for doing that which the law sanctions him in doing, where would commercial liberty or the general principle of liberty be? No community can permit a self-constituted authority to arrogate to itself such powers beyond the law.

That age makes us conservative, I have owned. But apart from conservatism or lib-