

and their intended victims, with the warning "Thus far shalt thou go and no further!"

Many a worthy cause in the world's history has been prostituted to ignoble and unholy ends, and much of the opprobrium attaching to-day, and in the past, to these associations, is and was the direct result of such prostitution. It will not be amiss here to quote from the court in the *Hitchman* case:—"Before applying these principles to this particular organization and case, I cannot, in view of the extended quotations from labour leaders and advocates contained in the brief of counsel for defendants, but disclaim the sentiment expressed by such leaders, to the effect, that either the legislative bodies or the courts of this country, Federal or State, have been or are unfriendly to labour organizations. The contrary is true. The statute books are full of laws for the benefit of labour, to better their conditions, to insure their health, safety and their lives. Organized labour is entitled to all praise for the effective work done in aid of securing these laws, and the courts of the country have been prompt in fully and effectively enforcing such laws."

All labour unions, organized for lawful purposes, and striving to achieve those purposes by lawful means and procedure, are entitled to the protection of the law to the fullest extent; but, on the other hand, any and all combinations, labour or otherwise, organized for unlawful purposes, or being lawful in purpose, which are prostituted to unlawful proceedings and to the accomplishment of unlawful ends, should be required either to reform their unlawful purposes, cease from their unlawful procedure, or cease to exist. And no part of the body politic is or can be more vitally interested in the suppression of labour organizations, unlawful in purpose or proceeding unlawfully, than the members of such organizations lawful in purpose and procedure.

As to combination, each person has a right to choose whether he will labour or not, and also to choose the terms on which he will consent to labour, if labour be his choice. The power of choice in respect of labour and terms which one person may exercise singly, many persons, after consultation, may exercise