

CAPITAL AND CHEAP MONEY

and to some extent among those who receive wages or salaries, and people go about even in the cities from house to house talking up their views in favour of free coinage. I take the liberty of writing you my own opinion, hoping that you will urge those who are to manage the McKinley campaign that they should get to work *at once* and open the fight in St. Louis, Chicago and all the leading Western cities and drive back the wave that is rising over the doubtful states. I will do anything or everything in my power to further the end we all have in view, but I think all action should be well handled and on lines that will be in unison with those taken by the general campaign. Surely it is important that we should not only beat them but that the victory should not leave any room for doubt as to the future position of this country on the money question." He remained a convinced democrat at heart, but spelled the word with a small letter as often as with a capital. Until the last chaff of the cheap money pretension had been threshed out of the party by the flail of repeated political defeats, he had little sympathy for it. He spoke, he wrote, he contributed funds liberally for education in sound money principles everywhere, but especially throughout the, at that time, wild-eyed and wild-ideal communities of the Northwest.

Of course all this drew closer the bonds between him and President Cleveland, now undergoing his martyrdom. A dozen years later the latter said: "Mr. Hill