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## CHAPTER XVIII

### CONCLUSION

**I** HAVE been asked a hundred times: "Has the fight been worth while? Wouldn't it have been better to let the corporations alone and just devote yourself to the children? You have made enemies who have hampered you in your work. You can't get the contributions you used to get. The court has suffered because of the attacks upon it. And the corporations are just as powerful as they ever were." Let me answer that. Let me give a little summary of what we have gained, for the people, in this struggle. And let me first try to express a part of it in terms of dollars and cents.

According to Julius Aichele, a corporation politician who was at the time County Clerk in Denver, our fight against the grafting County Commissioners resulted in a saving to the county, in four years, of \$300,000. After our exposure of these printing steals, a committee of the Legislature investigated the state printing and reported that \$90,000 a year could be saved; an inspector of state printing was appointed, and he has since claimed, I understand, that he saved the state