

"The Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party has solemnly declared war against Authority, war against Capital, war against Clergy.

Against Capital, Authority and the Clergy the Mexican Liberal Party has raised the Red Flag on Mexico's fields of action, where our brothers are fighting like lions, disputing the field with the bourgeois hosts, whether those hosts call themselves Maderistas, Reyistas, Vazquistas, Cientificos or what else, since their one purpose is to hoist some individual into the position of first magistrate of the country, in order that, under the shelter of his wing, they may do business without any consideration whatever for the mass of Mexico's population, since they all regard as sacred the right of individual property.

"During the progress of this great movement expropriation must be brought to a head at every cost, as has been done and still is being done by our brothers, the inhabitants of Morelos, of Southern Puebla, of Michoacan, Guerrero, Veracruz, Northern Tamaulipas, Durango, Sonora, Sinaloa, Jalisco, Chihuahua, Oaxaca, Yucatan, Quintana Roo and parts of other States. Mexico's bourgeois press itself has had to confess that the proletariat has taken possession of the land without waiting for any paternal government to deign to make it happy, since that proletariat knows that it has nothing good to expect from governments, and that the emancipation of the workers must be the task of the workers themselves.

"These first acts of expropriation have been crowned with the most smiling success; but we must not confine ourselves to taking possession of the land and implements of agriculture. The workers in all the various industries must resolutely take possession of them, so arranging things that the land, the mines, the factories, the workshops, the foundries, the cars, the railroads, the shipping, the warehouses and the houses may remain in the possession of each and every one of the inhabitants of Mexico without distinction of sex.

"The Liberals have not laid down their arms, despite the treaties of peace made by the traitor Madero with the tyrant Diaz, and despite the urgings of the bourgeoisie that they should fill their pockets with gold. We have acted thus because we Liberals are men who are convinced that political liberty does not benefit the poor but only the place-hunters, and because our object is not to obtain places or honors, but to take everything out of the hands of the bourgeoisie, that it may remain in the power of the workers.

"On to the struggle! On to expropriation, with the idea of benefiting not a few but all; for this is not a war of bandits but of honest men and women who desire that all shall be brothers, and enjoy, as such, the good things that Nature offers us so generously, and that the muscle and intelligence of man have produced the sole condition being that each shall dedicate himself to truly useful work."