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BRYAN'S ANSWER.

Roosevelt Given an Opportunity to Explain Some Things.

Says the Trusts are All Supporting and Working to Elect Taft.

The following is an extract from Mr. Bryan's letter to President Roosevelt:

"Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 26, 1908.
"Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of United States, Washington, D.C.:
"Dear Sir—While I have not yet received and shall not until I reach home next week, I have read a copy of your answer in the press and beg leave to submit the following reply:

"Mr. Haskell, having voluntarily resigned from the committee, that he might be more free to prosecute those who have brought charges against him. I need not discuss the question of his guilt or innocence, further than to say that the public service which he has rendered and the vote of confidence which he has received from the people of his State ought to protect him from condemnation until the charges can be examined in court, where partisanship does not bias and where campaign exigencies do not compel prejudgment. I would not deem it necessary to address you further but for the fact that you seize upon the charges and attempt to make political capital out of them. You even charge that my connection with Mr. Haskell's selection as a member of the resolutions committee and as treasurer of the committee raises a question as to my sincerity as an opponent of trusts and monopolies. As an individual and as the candidate of my party I present the charge and repel the insinuation. I have been in public life for eighteen years, and I have been sufficiently conspicuous to make my conduct a matter of public interest. I have passed through two presidential campaigns in which party feeling ran high and epithet was exhausted. I have no hesitation in saying that you cannot find an act, a word or a thought of mine to justify your partisan charge.

"I had never been informed of any charge that had been made against Mr. Haskell connecting him with the Standard Oil Company, or with any other trust. I had known him as a leader in the Constitutional Convention of Oklahoma, and had known him as one of the men principally responsible for the excellent Constitution which has since been adopted—and adopted by a majority of over 100,000, 70,000 of which was furnished by Republicans. I had known of his election to the Governorship of that great young State by a majority of some 90,000.

"I had known that the Constitution was adopted and that Gov. Haskell was elected in spite of the efforts of your administration and in spite of the speeches made in Oklahoma by Mr. Taft.

"You say that it was a matter of common notoriety that Mr. Haskell was connected with the Standard Oil Company. I have a right to assume that if so serious an objection had existed to Mr. Haskell's election, and had been a matter of common notoriety, as you say, Judge Taft would have felt it his conscientious duty to warn the people when he spoke in Oklahoma. If he did not have the knowledge, why can it be assumed that I had it? And if he had it, how can you excuse his failure to communicate the information to the people of Oklahoma? If you feel it your patriotic duty to denounce Mr. Haskell, when he is only a member of the national organization, how much more would Mr. Taft have felt it his duty to denounce Mr. Haskell when he was aspiring to be the Chief Executive of a great State?

"I could have had no knowledge of the suit to which you refer when he was appointed chairman of the resolutions committee of the Democratic National Convention, before the suit was begun, while he was at Denver, and as a matter of fact I did not know anything of the nature of the suit until after he was made treasurer of the National Committee, and no fair-minded person can decide on the merits of your charge without an examination of the provisions of the enabling act passed by a Republican Congress, and the provisions of the license of franchise issued to the oil company by your administration.

"I need hardly refer to the newly found evidence upon which you lay so much stress, viz: the article in The Outlook of September 5. My attention was never called to that article until I read the published copy of your letter, and while I have great respect for the Outlook, and I suppose I have for the writer (although you do not give his name), I would hardly feel justified in deciding as promptly as you do on an ex parte statement, without investigation.

"You present an indictment against our platform declarations on the trust question, but you do not refer to all of the planks and do not deal justly with those to which you do refer. Our platform declares in favor of the 'vigorous enforcement of the criminal law against guilty trust magnates and officials.' Your platform does not contain any such demand. Will you say that your platform is better than ours in that respect? Our platform demands that corporations beyond a certain size be compelled to sell at the same price in all parts of the country, due allowance being made for the cost of transportation.

"You say: 'Let us repeat that no law-defying corporation has any reason to fear from you save what it will suffer in the general paralysis of business.' etc. Referring to the last part of the sentence first, I might question your ability to act as an expert as to the panic preventives, since you now fear on your hands, but as to your charge that no law-defying corporation has reason to fear the direct effect of the anti-trust remedies which I favor, permit me to suggest that your testimony on this subject is not conclusive. You are witness to be sure, but your interest in the result of the election must be taken into consideration in weighing your testimony. There is better evidence.

"The trust magnates know their own strength and they are supporting Judge Taft. Not one of the trust magnates helped to secure my nomination, while it is a matter of 'common notoriety' that they were conspicuous in the Republican convention, and it is equally a matter of 'common notoriety' that they are supporting your party in this campaign. If you will name a single official connected with a law-defying corporation, monopoly or trust, who has declared or will declare that he supports me, I will publicly warn him that I will enforce against him the present criminal law, and will enforce against him also the laws demanded in the Democratic platform as soon as these laws can be enacted."

Will you deny that is in the interest of the consumer and in the interest of the smaller competitors? We present a plan under which no corporation will be permitted to control more than one-half of the total product. It has been stated that the steel company, with your express permission, purchased one of its largest rivals and thus obtained control of more than 50 per cent of the output. Will you insist in permitting this year show less favor to the monopolistic interests than I do in opposing you?

"You quote at length from a speech made by Governor Hughes, in which he ridicules one of our anti-trust remedies. Is this the same Gov. Hughes who was counted as one of the 'realities,' who endeavored to defeat Mr. Taft when, as you insisted, Mr. Taft represented the 'reformers' of your party, and his opponents the reactionary element? Did not Gov. Hughes have the support of the New York delegation in the convention, and is not New York city the home of many of the Republicans most conspicuous in their connection with the law-defying corporations? You are certainly aware of the fact that in the statement filed by George R. Shelton, then treasurer of the Republican State committee, two years ago, after Mr. Hughes' election, it appears that the following contributions were made to the campaign fund: J. P. Morgan, \$20,000; John D. Rockefeller, \$5,000; Andrew Carnegie, \$5,000; Charles Schwab, \$2,000; John W. Gates, \$2,000; W. E. Corey, \$2,000; W. Nelson Cromwell, \$1,000; W. F. Havemeyer, \$800; B. M. Duke, \$500. Several of these men are known to be officially connected with the trusts.

"Would the fact that these gentlemen contributed to his campaign fund strengthen or weaken his testimony against the reasonableness of our anti-trust remedy?

You can not have failed to notice that Gov. Hughes in his speech assumed the role of the critic and not that of the constructive statesman. Anyone possessing a vivid imagination and a pen can find objections to remedial measures. Lord Macaulay is quoted as saying that eloquent and learned men could find time to dispute the law of gravitation if there were any advantage to be gained by it, but when 'known abuses' are to be cured an ounce of remedy is worth a pound of fault-finding. As you quote from Gov. Hughes, I take it for granted that the press has not expressed himself in a satisfactory manner on the subject, for you would naturally prefer to quote from the presidential candidates wherever possible.

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United States Land Office,
New Orleans, La., September 19, 1908.
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