the selecting of a man for mayor to the presidents of some labor unions. Because when election time rolls around the majority of the presidents of labor unions cease to be labor men and become henchmen of the old party political leaders.

The president of my union is out for Roger Sullivan, hook, line and sinker. And he, like many others, is weak when an economic question confronts the working people, as it does today. My president could not indorse a penny phone proposition; he could not admit that cheaper gas would help solve the high cost of living; he could not openly declare that he is opposed to strap-hanging, or a subway that would terminate outside the loop.

Let every union in Chicago meet and select a real union man from their ranks and donate him to the Socialist party, the great cause, to work and stump the city in behalf of the laboring class and Seymour Stedman, and pay him out of the union's treasury for services rendered, and chalk it down as money well spent.

For mine, Seymour Stedman is the only man running for mayor, because I am one of the masses 365 days in the year. Mr. Stedman is the only bona-fide candidate from a labor standpoint. He is the only man that could handle the building trades rot if it comes to a head. He would give labor a fair and square shake in the new depot project. He has the only solution of the transportation puzzle. He will not let the telephone trust get away with the phone deal. He will have jitneys running before you can say Jack Robinson.—**A Locked-Out Pressman.**

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. — W. R. Wallace very properly condemns the popular legislative fad of "How-not-to-do-it" by commissions. A commission is a perfect automatic side-track for the storage of things that lawmakers don't want done. But why call upon lawmakers to become independent and statesmenlike when the people who elect them cannot agree among themselves as to what kind of laws they want?

The further a lawmaker gets ahead of public opinion the quicker he loses his job. If those who cast the ballots would get together on one thing they wanted done, and stick together through two elections, their will will be done. It is important that the thing selected to be accomplished shall be something fundamental, something which lies at the foundation of the social organism and which will lead toward an equal freedom and better conditions for the wealth producers.

No doubt but public ownership and operation of all public utilities would be better for our city than the present system of private robbery by corporations. Chicago voters once got together on that point and were in sight of success, but they didn't stick. They got cold feet and went back to voting for the old flag and Democratic and Republican miscrule of party government and party extravagance.

We should learn something by experience. This country today demonstrates that government by party machines is a total failure. It gives us nothing but misgovernment.

It may be too late for us to do anything at the coming election. Whichever candidate wins we are sure to end up by wishing the other one had been elected. Reforms, however, are not effected very much by the results of elections. They are born and nourished in the minds and hearts of the people. Often they come in unlooked-for ways, but the force behind them is the wish expressed at times by revolution and others by peaceful means. It always results in something which will better the condition of everybody.

Things which only help a few should not be done at all. They are but a form of special privilege. It is now time for us to talk among ourselves. What do we want done? Will