

country. We think there is too little currency in the country to employ labor with. Q. Do you mean there is not enough in the aggregate, or do you mean some have too much and others not enough? A. I don't believe there is enough in the aggregate.

Q. You have read the theories of Pruden, I suppose. A. I have read the theories of a great many on finance. Q. Do you accept his theory that all property is robbery? A. No, sir. Q. And that when one man has got more than another, it is his duty to divide it justly? A. No, sir.

Q. How can that be adjusted by day's work? A. Pay every man at the same price under the same conditions for the same work. Q. You were here during the strike? A. I was here during the period of the strike.

Q. Now, do you not hold as a principle that the fund out of which wages are paid is made up largely of the freight money paid for the carrying? A. Yes, sir, I am satisfied of that. Q. Now, will you tell me why a party of men employed by the railroad and paid out of this fund made up of freight money should strike and throw the business of all these people into confusion without any notice to them or consultation with them? A. Well, they take it to be a matter of last resort.

Q. What is the benefit, if any, of this strike? A. I do not know of any benefit that has ensued now. Q. You know, do you not, that the tradesmen, the dealers, the merchants, the freighters and the railroads have been largely injured by this strike? A. Yes, sir, they have been injured to some extent.

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Q. For all the railroads of the country? A. Yes, sir. Q. By whom would the purchase of the roads be paid, by the people of the country? A. By the government's people. Q. But the government is simply the incarnation and the concentration of the people of the country? A. Yes, sir.

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