

ments being printed and which have no facts behind them to warrant the vicious attacks being made. Wish you would see Senator Lewis. Advise him that all of this agitation has only a tendency to inflame the minds of the people and to prejudice our interest."

You will observe from that message that there is ONE thing the big packers are afraid of—PUBLIC OPINION.

In the past they have shown that they are not afraid of presidents, congresses, governors, legislatures, mayors, councils and courts—but they ARE afraid of the people when their minds are inflamed.

Only the other day they offered their BOOKS to the U. S. District Attorney. That didn't surprise me. For years and years the people have been trying to curb their vast and dangerous power through courts and laws—and it didn't bother the FOOD TRUST magnates a little bit.

But now when THE PEOPLE are getting mad about it the powerful packers are getting scared.

IT IS HIGH TIME THEY WERE GETTING SCARED

THEY HAVE TOO MUCH POWER FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS REPUBLIC, AND THAT POWER OUGHT TO BE CURBED.

It isn't the power of numbers, for there are but few packers.

It is the power of organization and MONEY.

It is the power that makes cold dollars count for more in a democratic republic than human beings with red blood in their veins.

It is a power that enables a few individuals to stand in between millions of producers and consumers and dictate the price at which producers MUST sell their food products and the price the millions of consumers MUST pay for what they consume.

It is a power that enables a mere handful of two-legged men to lower the wages of every man, woman and child in this country who works for wages—and by making them pay more and more and ever more for the necessities of life.

It is a power that threatens the very life of this republic by reducing to practical slavery the men, women and children of the working class—the only class that can keep any nation alive.

It is a power which by reducing the wages of men, sends women and children into the stores, workshops and factories, where their souls and bodies may be ground up into profit for these masters.

It is a power which is sapping the energy of the nation, a power which if not curbed will turn millions of human beings into dumb brutes by getting out of them the last ounce of energy while allowing them only time and food enough to husband that energy for the next day's work.

It is a power that condemns to degrading servitude the toiling millions in order that the idle few may waste their lives in luxury and vice.

It is a power that so-called representative government has failed to curb or check, because the masters of money have been able to control, in