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I recovered judgment, canceling the certificates issued to the road for road and sidings together. The supreme court reversed the case and held that the certificates could not be canceled, but that the railroad company should give up and surrender an amount of land equal to that granted for switches and sidings. I brought a suit against another company to recover lands obtained for sidings which is still pending. In the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio case the supreme court never passed upon the act of 1854 and that road surrendered 87,000 acres.

The railroads were holding millions of acres of land not patented so that the law alienating these lands within the time prescribed would not be operative.

Are you prepared to put a man in the governor's chair who will allow these roads to hold land grants of sidings? My attorney general's record has been endorsed by the people in my renomination and then my election as governor.

Judge Clark says it will disturb thousands and thousands of actual settlers. If there is a man in this audience whose title has been disturbed by this suit let him stand up and say so. In all my speeches no one has said his title was disturbed.

Before the war, under the statutes the state invested school money to the amount of \$6,000 a mile in railroads. The state invested \$1,816,500 in that way. The railroads have been sold out time and again. But with four years of war since then and immense losses of public and private property, even in those dark hours those bonds survived and the state lost only \$7,000 in one way and another. The most of it was lost by having to sell a railroad. On this investment the state has received \$3,401,375, and still holds bonds for \$1,574,585 owned by the school fund. The state has realized a net profit of over \$3,300,000. Those men who were up at Austin fighting the commission are fighting this school investment from beginning to end.

This is the first time in all his speeches the judge has had nothing to say about the commission.

The judge says he is a Democrat, but yet he did not vote for the commission, though the Democratic platform declares for it.

The governor closed by saying that he intended to stand by his record.

### THE REJOINER.

Judge Clark commenced by saying that he could not help being amused at the joy displayed by Governor Hogg when he admitted that he would not have brought those suits, but he fell into the trap I had set for him.

No, I would never have brought those suits for sidings, because my

sense as a lawyer would have told me that the moment the state recovered the land, land grabbers would have jumped on it and the state never would have got an acre. I would as soon see the railroads have it as the land jumpers. I would not have brought the suits under the laws under which the certificates were issued. As expounded and decided by the supreme court it is expressly provided and stipulated that the railroad companies shall have lands for sidings and 1,251,564 deeds were granted under that law, of which acres the railroads had sold all to the people except the 87,000 acres which the governor recovered, and which the land men have got now. Where does the school fund come in, pray, and Gov Hogg (Judge Clark turns around, is face to face with the governor) instead of educating 20,000 children, you, Gov. Hogg, will not educate one with that land.

He would not have brought the suit against the East Line because it was fictitious and had for its purpose the placing the railroad in the hands of a receiver and Sawney Robertson. The constitution did not require it.

They would have brought that Missouri, Kansas and Texas suit, and I mean to cast no reflections upon the governor's integrity, had not Jay Gould sent to Austin and asked him to do it. [Applause and uproar.] There was a fight at Tyler between two—a voice—milkmaids? no, that was not it, between Jay Gould on the one side and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas on the other, as to which should own the road, and upon the solicitation of Jay Gould's attorney Gov. Hogg brought that suit and did up the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. Yes, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas has been stripped of its property and Jay Gould rules the roost."

I said nothing about the commission because I knew the governor would say it all. The speaker here explained what he meant when he spoke of taking the legislative bridle off, and stated that Governor Hogg had misquoted him. The legislature had put in the statutes a clause fixing the maximum rate of freight at 50 cents per 100 miles. This was the bridle the legislature had put on and the state was tied hand and foot. He had the honor of sitting on the commission to codify the laws of 1878 and placed the maximum rate of freight at 25 cents per hundred pounds, but the legislature struck out 25 and put in 50 cents.

Gov. Hogg's conversion is almost as recent as mine. He did not beat me more than three months.

When the people pass upon a question of government do not us Democrats have to bow to their will? Gov. Hogg has bowed, although he is not as graceful a bowler as I am. You saw him bow just now when we were talking about an elective commission. [Laughter.] We have both heard the old Democratic lion growl in our day and it then behooved us to bow. But let me tell you, the people are going to elect their commissioners. It does not make any difference, Gov. Hogg, (turning to the governor) whether you or I am elected governor, the people are going to lift this tribunal out of the mud and mire of politics and make a commission to which the citizen and the railroad can appeal. It was said that the people did not have sense enough to elect the commission, and that it would be a deplorable exhibition to see commissioners on the stump. Do not the people elect the judges of the supreme court, and do you find those judges on the stump? The people are going to elect their commissioners and what is more, they are going to elect their United States senators."

That is sound Democracy. A few months ago the governor appointed a United States senator, but the people came along and appointed another one in his place and made the best appointment. Did the governors run? A week had not elapsed before he was telling the people how much he loved Roger Q. Mills, absolutely doting on him.

The governor says he is in favor of the commission as it stands. Revolutions never go backward. Your commission, governor, cannot stand where it is; it has to go forward. It requires the most conservative statesmanship of the state to preserve us from the rocks that lie ahead of the prow of the vessel. We, sir, have had problems come up before you as governor, affecting the interests of every man, woman and child in the state and your commission was powerless to act. I refer to the strike upon the identical road that runs through this town, the Aransas Pass. There was in that strike a contest between labor and capital which affected the interests of

every man, woman and child in the state and your commission, sir, as regarded that strike sat as powerless as a baby. [Applause.] It admonishes us that we are treading upon dangerous ground when one authority directs the receipts of a business enterprise and lets calamity upon labor, which is the least able to bear it. Let us go forward and protect the labor of the country while we are protecting the capital of the country. We must adopt a commission that will ratify these evils. You have noticed that a great many men who framed the San Antonio platform and elected Gov. Hogg have gone over to the third party. We have got to do something with this commission to regulate and protect the business interest of the country. Every man, woman and child is interested in it; capital is interested in it. Governor, you must come and go with me. We must amend your commission. We must make it elective and we will invest it with good constitutional powers to protect the labor of the country while protecting the capital of the country.

Judge Clark was at this point interrupted and informed that his time was out. He stated that his time was up and closed by saying: We intend to "Turn Texas Loose." We intend to turn labor loose. We intend to turn all of our industries loose, and there is another thing that we intend to turn loose. We intend to turn a Gov. Hogg loose. God bless Texas, we are going to turn her loose and let her rise up from the manacles that bind her. With the bright silver star in her forehead illuminating the earth she will be guiding worthy people of all nations to come and live with us and we will send the governor back to Tyler.

At the conclusion of Judge Clark's speech a general rush was made by several thousand friends of the "Little Giant" to shake him by the hand and in the scramble Governor Hogg, who was still seated on the rostrum, was subjected to such pressure that although several attempts were made he could not rise to his feet. This was however finally accomplished, with the assistance of a friend of Judge Clark, and further danger averted. The serging mass of enthusiastic Clarkites continued the rush till the Judge was finally lifted up bodily and carried from the grounds.

It was plainly to be seen that Clark had carried the day and that more than two-thirds of the assembled multitude were his warm supporters.

### NOTES.

A gentleman from Fayette county, a prominent physician, who buries all his professional mistakes, attended the joint debate at Cameron yesterday. He is an enthusiastic Hogg man. He told Col. Hall of our city that if the Angel Gabriel were a candidate for governor against Gov. James Hogg he would vote for Hogg.

A prominent farmer of Falls county came on our excursion train at Lott yesterday. He was wearing a Hogg badge. In conversation with one of our citizens he was induced to have a Clark badge pinned on the other lapel of his coat, promising that if he became convinced from the discussion that the interest of Texas did not require the re-election of Hogg, and would best be subserved by the election of Clark, he would take off the badge of the former. On the return last evening he was wearing the red badge of George Clark, emblem of imperial truth.

George Clark's rejoinder to Gov. Hogg yesterday at Cameron was so powerfully cutting and incisive that the latter could not stand it so the governor called time on George ten minutes before it was out; and when a contention arose between him and Bart Moore (which the audience did not hear) he magnanimously allowed Clark to consume his time.

Mrs. F. W. Putnam who resides at 1809 Sanger avenue, had the misfortune to fall down stairs this morning and badly fracture a limb.

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