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## A.F. OF L. AND “LEMONS.”

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**T**HE first formal sound to reach public notice from the A.F. of L. convention, now sitting in Rochester, is that “the influence, attitude and remonstrances of the American Federation of Labor against the abuse by the Federal Judges of the injunction writ in labor disputes finally had its effect upon the highest legal tribunal of the United States,” etc., etc.

The news is calculated to strike the unwary between the eyes. The wary, those posted on the “trophies” that decorate the walls in the hall of the A.F. of L., surely smiled. Nor was the smile to freeze on their lips.

The “effect” that “the influence, attitude and remonstrances” of the A.F. of L. has “finally” had upon “the highest legal tribunal” in the land was to consider the “influence, attitude and remonstrances” of the A.F. of L. as just so much monkey shines; and, so judging the afore referred-to “influence, attitude and remonstrances,” to place upon the judgment the seal of the “highest legal tribunal” in the land. The Supreme Court adopted a new set of rules that leave things substantially as they were.

The A.F. of L. pronouncement, while glorying in the victory, declares that the A.F. of L. is not entirely satisfied. Did not Gompers always say he wanted “more and more”? Nevertheless the new rules are “a step in the right direction,” sayeth the pronouncement,—a sort of first installment.

The Supreme Court handed the A.F. of L. a “lemon”—all that the “influence, attitude and remonstrances” of the Gompers body deserved; and the Gompers body accepts the vegetal as a “step in the right direction”—one “lemon” in the direction of more “lemons.”

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