
On the Foster Trial.

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The American bourgeoisie are trying to railroad Foster to jail for serving the interests of the working class. That is a matter of greatest importance to the American labor movement.

According to the newspapers, Foster is charged with "criminal syndicalism." These are the old tactics employed by the capitalists in every country whenever the workers organize for the purpose of improving their conditions. Labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have often been charged with having similar objects when they have struck for better conditions. Several members of the American Federation of Labor were charged with wrecking a train in Indiana last August during the shopmen's strike, although the derailment was proven due to defective rails. Was not E.C. Gregor, a striking railway worker, lynched by an Arkansas mob for alleged burning of bridges, although it was proven that the damage was due to faulty firing on the engines? The record of the American labor movement is one of persecution and attacks by the capitalist class through the means of armed guards and detective agencies striving to destroy the labor organizations.

What are the real facts about Foster? Foster was the organizer of the Trade Union Educational League, an organization welding together the mili-

tant elements in the trade unions and demanding improvements in the American labor movement. The Trade Union Educational League advocates amalgamation of the craft unions into industrial unions so as to form an organization corresponding to the development of American capitalism



and thus make the labor organizations efficient agencies for the protection of the workers. The propaganda of the Trade Union Educational League is making tremendous progress. Large organizations belonging to the American Federation of Labor are on record as favoring its program. This causes ha-

tred on the part of the "open shop" capitalists and the reactionary leaders of the American Federation of Labor. The Trade Union Educational League has also recently advocated the formation of a Labor Party, recognizing that the workers must have an independent party representing their interests, just as the workers in other countries have. Foster and his comrades are convinced that these are the only steps for the development of the American labor movement.

America today is under the absolute dictatorship of Wall Street. The government of the United States openly placed itself at the service of the capitalist class last summer when Attorney General Daugherty stated that “the Government will use all its force in the maintenance of the open shop.”

The American workers and farmers have been made to feel the dictatorship of capitalism. The radical workers advocate a government of the workers and farmers operating in the interests of the workers and the exploited farmers, just as the capitalist government is operating in the interests of the capitalists. The militants know that the capitalists will not surrender power so readily; but they are convinced that when a majority of the workers and farmers are won over to their program and

properly organized, the power of the capitalists will be broken and a government of the producing classes will be established. With this program the militants organized the Workers Party which is conducting a campaign for the emancipation of the workers.

Foster is accused of subscribing to these principles. We cannot understand how a thinking worker or farmer living in America under the oppression of billionaire capitalism hesitates to accept this program. This called a crime in free America. We believe that the American workers and farmers will pronounce it no crime but the right of every American; not only his right, but a duty to himself and his family. Foster is a true friend of the interests of the American workers and farmers.

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