
Statement Upon Judge Wood's Rendering of Decision

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Judge Wood has rendered his decision in the contempt case against Eugene V. Debs and other officers of the American Railway Union. The defendants were found guilty both in the United States case and the Santa Fe Railroad case. Mr. Debs was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the county jail, and Vice President Howard, Secretary Keliher, Editor Rogers, and Directors Burns, Elliott, McVean, Hogan, and Goodwin three months each. The sentence of Director McVean, who was less prominently connected with the strike than his associates, was, on motion of counsel, indefinitely suspended, and a general stay of execution in all the other case was granted until December 24 [1894].¹

Mr. Debs says: "To avoid the suspense of an appeal we have decided to go to prison. The office work will be carried on. In jail we shall have much time to read and study."

It is reported that Messrs. Debs, Howard, and Rogers have resigned as officers of the ARU.

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¹ The stay was later extended until January 8, 1895.