St. Louis Convention
Rejects Government by Injunction

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 31 [1897].

The convention has passed, but before doing so crowned itself with glory. Such a spirit of patriotic defiance to judicial encroachment upon the liberties of the American people was never before displayed.

It proved that the worm has been trodden on too often and has turned. If the sting proves too poisonous to a usurping plutocracy its own madness alone is responsible.

The workers are aroused as they have never been before, and if energy, determination, and true patriotism can fire the hearts of the American people the Chicago convention called for September 27 next will seal the doom already pronounced of judicial tyranny.

No Parasites Wanted.

The call is addressed to the producers of all wealth and the convention will not be burdened with the presence of a single parasite. The agricultural workers and the wage-slaves will for the first time in civilized history unite and meet as a class to demand the restitution of their plundered inheritance.

I have every hope that the outpouring of men desiring to be free will be equal to every emergency encountered.

The convention was above all things else a free assemblage of honest, earnest men and women and the enthusiasm displayed throughout the session clearly showed that plutocracy’s use of the courts of the land is as obnoxious to Americans of today as was King George’s tea tax to the men of 1776, and the spirit that met and destroyed the oppressions of the English king is prepared to manifest itself again in the complete annihilation of the power now wielded by the money controllers of our land.

Rebellion against government by injunction was the keynote of this convention and will play an important part in the next convention.

Other Things Demanded.
But it will not be all demanded there. We have passed beyond that now and many surprises may be in store for the friends of progress in the near future.

Never before have we been as hopeful as we are at present. A few months ago the star of hope appeared far distant; today it is within hailing distance, and the friends of humanity who can secure a correct report of the proceedings of the past two days must be inspired beyond measure at the rapid strides workingmen have made toward a better and brighter future.

The significant feature of the work done was the selecting of Chicago, “the city of the martyred,” “the Paris of America,” for the holding of the convention and references to this fact did much toward securing the convention for that city.

This simply shows the trend of the times. In prostituting our courts to its base uses power has gone mad and has done more than we could reasonably expect to bring about its own destruction.