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THE MEANING OF CORREGAN'S VICTORY.

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THE legal victory of Comrade Charles H. Corregan over the Typographical Union is a victory of the labor movement over the leaders of pure and simple guildism. Corregan exposed these leaders, who, under the pretense of advancing the interests of the entire working class, form a job trust, and politically support the capitalist class in perpetuating the wage system; calling them labor fakirs. It was a crime against the sacredness of the leaders of the guild union to show that they are dividing labor in the interests of capitalism. Corregan, accordingly, was illegally fined and deprived of employment. Backed by personal determination and a good cause, and assisted by the Socialist Labor Party, Corregan brought suit against the Typographical Union and won his case.

A few more such victories over the labor fakirism of pure and simple guildism will prove beneficial. The dominant faction of the capitalist class, as represented by the Civic Federation, feels strongly entrenched behind the sacred labor fakirs of pure and simple guild unionism. This dominant faction of the capitalist class rejoices over the creation of these fakirs, hailing it as "a bulwark against Socialism" and characterizing Socialism "as a foe of unionism", meaning by unionism, of course, the caricature of a true labor movement behind which this faction seeks refuge. The "big Socialist vote" does not cause the dominant faction of the capitalist class an iota of the concern that the unification of the labor movement on class-conscious lines would. This is evidenced in the joy with which this faction heralded the victory of the Typographical Union over Corregan in the first trial of the case; it is evidenced in the tomb-like silence which enveloped this faction when the decision in the appeal from the decision of that trial, and the decision in the present trial, both victories for Corregan, were announced; and, finally, it is evidenced in this faction's unconcealed delight over the defeat administered to the representatives of

“the big Socialist vote” at the recent A.F. of L. convention. Hence, it is again worth repeating, that the legal victory of Corregan is a victory for the labor movement over the labor fakirs who control the destinies of pure and simple guildism.

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