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NO FLAGGING!

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THE capitalist conspiracy to assassinate Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John, and thereby supplement the efforts of the Gompers-Mitchell labor lieutenants of Belmont to stamp out the I.W.W., is visibly on the retreat. The indecent language of the capitalist press, which convicted the men out of hand, has abated; the cocksureness of the McParland instigators of crime has lowered its crest; the political puppets of the Mine Owners' Association, from Gov. Gooding down, have been keeping their "shirts on." The reason is obvious. The working class has been reached. The malodorous facts connected with the arrests were published broadcast in print and by word of mouth, and the still more malodorous facts concerning the conspirators were made known.—For that very reason there must be no flagging now!

The intrepid stand taken by the working class, which planted itself upon the facts in the case, has unlocked the lips of many a non-proletarian, who, emboldened to tell the truth, has come out with a deluge of further facts that go to place the Mine Owners' Association, together with the officialdom of Colorado and Idaho, in the very light that they had plotted to place the Western Federation of Miners in—the light of brigands, lawless desperadoes. All this has contributed some more towards compelling the criminal plotters to pull in their horns; all this has contributed towards improving the chances of the four contemplated victims.—For that very reason there must be no flagging!

Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John are yet in the claws of the gentlemen who pay Pinkertons to commit crimes and then to claim the same to have been committed by the workingmen; they are yet in the claws of the political officials, whom the railroads, close kindred to the mine owners, give passes to in consideration of "past favors" and favors in the future. Such "guardians" are capable

of any cowardly felony. So long as the Union officials are in such keeping there is danger.—For that reason there must be no flagging!

The trial is yet to come off. What a Mine Owners' Association Judge, District Attorney and other officials are capable of Gov. Altgeld's Pardon warns mankind under official seal. The improved chances now enjoyed by the victims is the result of the Labor tidal wave of indignation. That tidal wave may not recede: it must swell still higher: there must be no lull in the Labor tempest that has lashed it into foam: it must tower over the heads of the conspirators at the trial: new facts are daily coming to light: they place the conspirators on trial—let there be no flagging in the work of enlightening the masses. The issue of the "trial" depends upon that.

Turn on the light—ever stronger, ever wider! No flagging!

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