

RAIL CHIEFS' "HONESTY" KEYNOTE RIDDLED BY WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

"Honesty" is the last refuge of a politician.

"They all talked 'Honesty' at Cleveland," said William Z. Foster, to the DAILY WORKER after returning from the Conference for Progressive Political Action. "Honesty" was the keynote of the convention. The word was on the mouths of all the railroad union chiefs there.

"But this 'Honesty' sounded strange coming from the very men who were playing false to the very candidate they were in the act of endorsing. While the executives of the railroad unions, which furnished 50 to 55 per cent of the C. P. P. A. delegates, were officially supporting an 'honest government' movement at Cleveland, their representatives were hard at work in Madison Square Garden, New York City, boosting for the nomination of William G. McAdoo on one of the old parties' tickets that was being so roundly condemned.

"If McAdoo is nominated in New York their promises to support La Follette won't be worth anything. They will knife LaFollette and push McAdoo.

"At Cleveland they hadn't enough LaFollette spirit for a demonstration. Their minds were back in New York with their first choice, McAdoo.

"'Honesty' enters into their political keynotes but they never allow it to interfere with their political tactics."