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Texans in the Present Campaign.

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There is not a state in the Union that has a better right to be prominent in every name of the term than the state of Texas and yet a condition of industrial and financial demoralization prevails there which can scarcely be described and which can be accounted for only because of the system which permits a favored few, most of whom are aliens, to virtually own the state and absolutely control its destiny.

No one will deny that if the state of Texas were owned by the people of Texas and its industries belonged to those who operate them and the wealth that is produced remained in possession of those who produce it, there would be genuine prosperity and abundance for all.

But under the present arrangement many thousands of workers are unemployed, farmers are impoverished and conditions could scarcely be worse, so far as the tolling and producing masses are concerned. It is not apparent at a glance that there is something fundamentally wrong and that the people have not to do something else besides voting the Democratic ticket if they expect to escape their hard and grinding lot?

Two special sessions of the Democratic legislature have been held, ostensibly to afford relief from oppressive and unjust conditions.

What has been the result? The same old Democratic party to a single beneficial result of their long and costly deliberations.

Let us be honest. This issue of the Rebel will be read by thousands of democrats who have perhaps not seen it before. What has their party done to relieve the working class, to help the farmers in this crisis?

Cotton is down to six cents, about half the cost of production, but sugar and meat are climbing higher and higher and this because of the manipulation of greedy and heartless monopolists who in this system, supported by every political party existing along the line, privately own and control the sources and means of our common life to such an extent that they can judge prices as so to pile up millions and hundred millions for themselves while spreading ruin and desolation among the toilers and producers of the land.

The Democratic party has absolute power and is at the same time absolutely helpless. What a spectacle this corrupt old bourgeois party presents to thinking people! All these years the masses have been giving it their votes and keeping it in power and now they are overwhelmed with disaster, their industries languishing, their crops a drug on the market, and they cry out for relief, the Democratic party gives them two special sessions for relief, the hidden legislature, the real result of which is simply to increase the burden of taxation which is already crushing them to the earth.

For years the Democratic party has made the boast that it is the party of the common people, but what has it done to relieve the cotton growers and farmers in the Southern states in the crisis that has come upon them as the result of the war in Europe? Nothing! Absolutely nothing! The national congress adjourned recently af-

ter being in continuous session over a year and a half. This congress was overwhelmingly democratic but it refused to turn a hand or vote a dollar for the relief of the cotton growers who sit in their camps, which have for the moment been practically worthless, and the industrial and agricultural conditions of the country at large are probably worse than they have ever been before.

The farm renters of Texas are for the most part in a pitiable state as I know of my own knowledge after recently traveling over vast areas of the state, and their lot will not only improve but grow steadily worse until they resolve to take matters in their own hands and organize to fight and overthrow the plutocratic system that robs and deprives them of the life of work.

There are over a quarter of a million of farm renters in the state of Texas who are shamelessly exploited by the idle landholders, the railroad king, the trust magnate and other legalized plunderers and will continue to be so exploited as long as they are satisfied to receive their support to a political party which these plunderers finance as they do both the republican and democratic parties and which exist for no other purpose than to serve the robber class and keep the best workers in subjection.

It is high time for the hard-fisted toilers of Texas to wake up to organize their economic and political power and to strike for freedom. The Socialist party is the only party honestly devoted to their support and the only party pledged in every fibre of its being to do their justice.

The Socialist party is the only party organized by and for the workers, the honest toilers of the soil, the producers of wealth; it is the only democratic party in fact as well as in name and the only party uncompromisingly hostile to plutocracy and the system which breeds plutocracy and uncompromisingly loyal to the working class and the system which will see the working class forced to work.

This is the year for the common people to cut loose from the

outworn, reactionary old Democratic party in Texas; the year for the farm renters to issue their declaration of independence and to cast their lot with the rising Socialist party and its program of industrial emancipation.

The Rebel under the direction and inspiration of Thomas A.

Hickey has done a wonderful work among the farmers and working

people of Texas and every one of them should feel it to be his duty

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