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## EDITORIAL

### Which Shall It Be?

Mr. Roosevelt, at Pittsburgh: We must supervise and direct the affairs of the people.

Mr. Wilson, at Philadelphia: We must establish conditions under which the people will be free to manage their own affairs.

S. C.



### The Right Trust Remedy.

Former President Roosevelt correctly declares a failure the effort for twenty-four years to regulate the trusts. "The only alternative," he says, "is the Progressive plan." Where did he get that information? The Progressive plan is neither the only nor the most desirable alternative. A better plan is to quit fooling with commissions and investigations and repeal all tariff laws, excise and other labor taxing laws, all franchise grants and other grants of special privileges, and take all publicly earned values for public use. All big business combinations that will survive such a change will be those that are natural and useful. Those that will not survive will be the unnatural and predatory ones. A proposition to put this plan into the national Progressive platform received all but five votes of the twenty-five members of the Committee on Resolutions. But for some reason, still not satisfactorily explained, it never appeared in the platform.

S. D.



### Roosevelt a National Asset.

Theodore Roosevelt has talked so much and so loud that some, seeing the smallness of his deeds in comparison with the magnitude of his promises, have been disposed to underrate his public worth. His deeds have been small, it is true; and many of those that are in themselves good are yet, owing to the manner of their doing, evil in their final effect. Nevertheless, ideas have a value, even when embalmed in sounding words; and though their author contents himself too often with ut-