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EDITORIAL

The Work of Joseph Fels.

A large volume indeed would be one that would contain all that has been published, and publicly said concerning Joseph Fels. Much of this consists naturally of expressions of personal friends and co-workers. But there is also much of a sympathetic nature from sources outside of his particular line of work, and these expressions are the more significant. They are indications of the interest he succeeded in arousing where none had been known to exist before. This shows that, while much of the effectiveness of his work was visible when he passed away, there is still much more to come to light. All who have striven to spread some great truth continue thus to help the world to progress long after they have left it. The time is still far in the future when it may be truthfully said that the work of such men as Henry George, Tom L. Johnson or Joseph Fels has ended.

S. D.



The Rockefeller Idea.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., with apparent sincerity, claims to stand for the "inalienable right of every citizen to work without interference whether he be a union man or a non-union man." But sincere as he probably is, he is certainly mistaken. He is, in fact, a bitter opponent of the right to work, as is every man, rich or poor, who upholds the system that gives to a few legal control over opportunities to work. Monopoly of Colorado's coal lands is a denial of the inalienable right of every man, union and non-union, to work on that land without permission of land monopolists. Monopoly of other natural resources works the same way. Mr. Rockefeller does not see this. He only sees a denial of the right to work when some workers, in endeavoring to force him to use his monopolistic power more leniently, stop other workers from submitting to his terms. He would have all men who prefer slavery to starvation free to accept slavery. But he would