

PRESSURE BY LABOR.

Strenuous Efforts to Secure the Passage of a Fellow-Servant Bill.

The cry of the lobby and its creatures that the laboring classes take no interest in the passage of the fellow servant bill, is belied by the strenuous efforts now being made by organized labor to bring pressure enough to bear on the State Legislature to let it understand beyond question the position of the masses on the issues.

Indicative of this movement is the following circular which has been sent broadcast among the laboring men all over Missouri:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 10, 1895.—To organized labor of the State of Missouri—Greeting: We, the undersigned, composing the Legislative Committee of the State Federation of Labor, at the earnest solicitation of a large number of members of that body, hereby call your attention to the importance of each organization passing resolutions and sending them to your State Senators and Representatives, demanding of them that they give their support to a fellow servant bill, which will protect the employes of railway corporations.

Railway corporations derive their charters from the people, and are, therefore, subject to regulation by the people, through their Representatives; they can, by law, convert to their use your domain, however much you may object, and reimburse you therefor as the law directs. This is made imperative by the law of public necessity. Will any one, therefore, deny the right of the people, from whom the railways derive their existence, to regulate them? This is not class legislation, as has been contended by lobbyists and hirelings of the railways.

Do not have your resolutions include "hazardous occupations." It is by this means that a number of "fellow servant" bills have been defeated, and the railroads and their tools will seek to defeat the next in the same way.

For your convenience, we inclose a printed resolution, which has been adopted by a number of organizations, and fully covers the case. Fraternally,

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Legislative Committee of the State Federation of Labor.

This appeal is being rapidly answered from all parts of the State. The following unions in St. Louis have passed resolutions demanding the passage of the bill:

- Typographical Union No. 8.
 - Carpenters' Union No. 4.
 - Tobacco Pressers' and Helpers' Union No. 6,048.
 - Electrical Workers' Union No. 64.
 - Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen No. 21.
 - Marble, Granite and Slate Polishers' Union.
 - Journeyman Plumbers' Union.
 - Tin, Sheet Iron and Cornice Workers.
 - Tobacco Factory Workers' Protective Union No. 6,063.
 - Brewery Firemen No. 95.
 - Carpenters' Union No. 27.
 - Cigar Makers' Union No. 44.
 - Musicians' Mutual Benefit Association.
 - Livery and Carriage Drivers' Union.
 - Corliss Association of Stationary Engineers.
 - Iron Molders' Union No. 10.
 - Journeyman Painters' Union of Missouri.
 - Mosaic Tile Workers' Union.
 - Assembly 10,353, Knights of Labor.
 - Long Pants' Makers, 299, Knights of Labor.
- Kansas City has been heard from strongly and every union in the State is expected to take similar action. Copies of the resolutions, as signed by the Secretary of each union, will be mailed to every Senator and Representative in the Legislature.