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The men whose contribution to the greatness and growth of Atlanta is expressed in the mingled cunning of hand and brain, today observe their annual celebration.

The occasion is one in which all Atlanta, without reference to occupation, has a material and a sentimental interest.

It is due largely to the intelligence, the diligence and the integrity of the laboring people of the city that Atlanta has attained metropolitan proportions, prospering along the way and developing a civic unity which is almost unique among American municipalities.

The average citizen is hardly mindful of the instrumentality of this class of Atlantans in the big life of the city until he analyzes the almost phenomenal evolution of the industrial phase of our activities, with especial reference to small enterprises.

In today's long-line of wage-workers of every grade will be found representatives of almost every craft in the long roll of industry. And that is the best sort of testimony to Atlanta's wonderful development as a manufacturing community, rich in the assets and the pledges which logically attend the producing centers of this great nation.

That, on the business side.

From the standpoint of ethics and personality, Atlanta is singularly blessed in her laboring population. As a rule, its various organizations are captained by wise, steady, patriotic and far-seeing leaders. Their efforts have bred a brand of citizenship which gave eloquent earnestness of its breadth in the bond election of last winter. Its other indications are in many respects apparent, and in none more refreshingly than in the absence of that class hostility which is so often the bane of large and growing cities.

To these men, who are among the most splendid of the city's material and civic assets, The Constitution extends its congratulations, with the hope that Labor Day will bear as great a share of pleasure to them as it does of inspiration to the city-at-large.