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## THE I. W. W. TRIAL

By L. C. FRAINA

The great and significant fact in the case of the I. W. W. is that the employers, the national government and the corrupt and reactionary bureaucracy of the A. F. of L. are apparently engaged in a covert conspiracy to destroy a militant organization of labor.

These sinister forces, each for reasons of its own, are banded together in a "gentlemen's agreement" to crush the I. W. W. The employers,—because the I. W. W. is not only threatening their immediate profits, but creating a powerful organization for action in the days to come; the government,—because the employers by refusing to grant increased wages are precipitating strikes that hamper industrial mobilization, and the government, not daring to strike at the employers who are strong, strikes at the workers, whom it considers weak; and the A. F. of L.,—because the I. W. W. in the west is becoming the dominant organization and threatening to drive out the A. F. of L.

Whether one relishes it or not, the fact is that the I. W. W. has not acted against the war; has not carried on a propaganda against the war, and is chiefly if not exclusively at the moment interested in questions of wages and the regulation of industrial conditions. Yet the government charges that the I. W. W. is engaged in a nation-wide conspiracy to thwart the war plans of the country by inciting and organizing strikes,