

ed. The same thing in Oriente, the same in Santiago de Cuba. I have not been in the provinces myself, but the comrades have assured me that we can come there and organize easily, but up until now we have not been able to send anyone there. The shortest trip costs from \$30 to \$40, and the Party never has enough money for the fare. We have an organization in Catalina de Quinas, where the comrades carry amulets against the police so they could not hurt them. In the same place, the comrades have made an endless chain of letters, and similar things. They are Communists by impulse, but we cannot say that we have a Party organization. There is a great possibility of establishing a big proletarian mass organization. But the subjective possibilities of the Party are not commensurate.

On the question of work among the Negroes. I endorse the criticism made against the Party for its failures in Negro work. I have tried to find out why this is so in Cuba. I think the work among the Negroes in Cuba is more difficult than in the US. One could say that there is no such thing as the Negro question in Cuba. About 24 per cent of the population are colored. With such a high percentage you can see that the Negro question is not the same kind of a question as in the United States. It is a question of persecution and oppression, but it is a Negro question in a different respect. The Negroes are being brought to Cuba because of the sugar plantations, where the Negroes are virtual slaves. They do not lynch Negroes there, but with a superficial condition of equality they are more exploited than the other workers. The Negroes are less organized, they hold no leading positions in the government. The Negroes are employed in the street cars,—they can be motormen, but never conductors. So this equality is only on the surface. It is a mistake that this question has not been recognized by the Party.

The comrades feel very much hurt about the great criticism of Comrade Losovsky on the general strike. There is not a single worker in Cuba that does not know of this criticism, but it transpired that the word "permanent strike" was a mistake in translation.

On the question of unemployment, I believe that in my reports I dealt with this in great detail. We did pretty good work in organizing the work in the workers quarters. If the comrades will continue this work, they will build up a very good mass organization.

We must bring more consolidation to the Party, help the Party to organize a National Conference, see that all Cuban comrades abroad are returned to Cuba. The situation in the Party and the Confederation has become more difficult and our task of helping the Party also becomes greater. I will later on submit a series of concrete practical proposals.