

Q What would happen if Mussolini, Stalin, and Hitler turned traitors and disavowed you and your rule?

A That will not happen because I have them too well bribed. I am paying each of them with the sop of his own vanity, by making him believe he is acting on his own account. That is another trick of mine.

Q Let us come back to the United States and learn something of what you are doing to convert people into the habit of drifting.

A Right now I am paving the way for a dictatorship by sowing the seeds of fear and uncertainty in the minds of the people.

Q Through whom are you carrying on your work?

A Mainly through the President. I am destroying his influence with the people by causing him to drift on the question of a working agreement between employers and their employees. If I can induce him to drift for another year, he will be so thoroughly discredited I can hand over the country to a dictator. If the President continues to drift, I will paralyze personal freedom in the United States just as I destroyed it in Spain, Italy, Germany, and England.

In 1938 when Hill was writing this manuscript, the president was Franklin D. Roosevelt. Are the Devil's comments applicable today? Do you think Hill might write the same words today as he wrote seventy years ago?
