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But while Debs moved steadily leftward, the institutions he left behind still existed, the Brotherhoods continuing to be reactionary strikebreakers and Samuel Gompers' conservative AFL hostile to industrial unionism and offering tepid, wavering support for various actions and causes, and none at all for socialism; and the AFL style union is what has ended up the default, officially-recognized type of union today.

9781931859400: The Bending Cross: A Biography of Eugene Victor Debs

This alone would make him a hero of socialism. Nothing here convinces me that the answer to the class struggle is socialism.

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Debs had courage and fought and fought for his beliefs. Eugene Debs, leader of the Socialist Party in the USA and 5-time candidate for President of the US, what I and others would call a closeted anarchist was a radical labor organizer, socialist, and Industrial Workers of the World founder among other things at the turn of the 20th century. A moving, finely-paced biography of one of the true founding fathers of American Socialism, who at times appears practically saint-like if you believe the contemporaneous accounts.

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Debs was also a very compassionate man as he was constantly giving away his coat, his money, and anything else that he had that some poor railroad worker or his family needed.

The Bending Cross a Biography of Eugene Victor Debs

Add to this his visionary and consistent support for the rights of women, blacks, and immigrants, when such things were radical even among radicals, and Eugene V. Ray Ginger may gloss over some of Debs' faults - it is an affectionate biography - but this is a very good chronicle of a great man. The prose he left behind is magnificent.

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