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Impressions of the Founding Convention of the IWW (19

The ideal is the overthrow of the capitalist class. The economic factor eventually predominates, and the class struggle runs its logical course everywhere — but only in the long run, not in a straight line.

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One simply could not have scripted such a joint venture better, with both Verso and Haymarket no doubt enormously pleased with this fortuitous turn of the cards. And he wound up with the prophetic suggestion that the American workers take the Russian path.

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Even the jury overseeing the trial could not escape the repressive influence of the Department of Justice, with prospective jurors being subject to probing questions regarding their ancestry, their feelings towards the war, and even which newspapers and magazines they read.

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All these activities were in the main, and in the proper meaning of the term, Political. The authors knew what they were trying to do and I reckon they got to where they were trying to get. That attitude was certainly right as far as it went.

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The other 129 delegates in attendance were awarded one vote each — 129.

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Judges were rarely sympathetic to the Wobblies and would set enormous bails. The IWW had its own forebears, for the revolutionary labor movement is an unbroken continuum. Dubovsky, We Shall Be All, 436.

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They were big men, and they all grew taller when they stood together. Such talk, they said in the famous Preamble to the Constitution of the IWW, misleads the workers.

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