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gress, not quite so, but it was voted by an overwhelming majority of members of both houses of Congress, and it was operated until the 80th Congress came into being, and the Taft-Hartley law was enacted. Now, I don't want to be unfair to anybody. I am never against anybody. I am like the boy who courted a girl for 20 years including the time he proposed to her. She rejected him. Finally one moonlight night, in the month of May, under romantic conditions, he proposed to her and she accepted him; and he went out in the front yard, kneeled down on the grass and looked up into the sky at the moon and said "Oh Lord, I ain't got nothing agin nobody". I feel that way. I have

nothing personally against anybody. I don't hate anybody. You know hatred is a bad thing. I heard a sermon by a preacher on hatred. He said hatred warps the spirit and swivels up the soul of any man who hates. That it is worse on the hater than it is on the hatee. Says that it makes enemies. You can't hate a man without him knowing it, and he hates you in return. He preached quite a sermon on hatred and when he finished it he said, "Is there anybody in this great audience can rise in his place and say that he hasn't an enemy in the world?" And an old man in the back in the middle of the audience rose up. His beard made him look like the pictures of Isaiah. He said, "Parson, I haven't an enemy in the world". The preacher said, "Think of it ladies and gentlemen, here is a man who rises in his place in a great concourse of people and announces publicly that he hasn't an enemy in the world." He said, "My friend, how old are you?" He said, "I am 104." "Think of it ladies and gentlemen. Here is a man 104 years old who can rise in public and say that he hasn't an enemy in the world". He said, "My friend, tell these people here why you haven't an enemy in the

world." He said, "I've outlived the scoundrels." (Applause.) Well, that's not the best way to get rid of enemies. We accomplish nothing by hatred. We accomplish nothing by intolerance. We accomplish nothing by bigotry in any field, but what I do hate is unfairness and injustice no matter by whom it may be exercised. We had prepared what I thought was a fair labor bill in the Wagner Act, then followed it up with a fair labor standards legislation which was a pioneer law. We had to take what we could get and all we could get was a minimum wage of 40 cents per hour. Now, in our platform last year we promised the American people we would raise that standard, that minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75 cents an hour. You know how much 40 cents an hour is. Have you ever sat down in the calmness of the night and figured out what it means for a man who is the head of a family with a wife and children who receives only 40 cents an hour? That is only \$4 a day for a 10 hour day. It is only \$3.20 for an 8 hour day. No man with a family can afford to support that family according to the American standards on \$3.20 a day (Continued On Page 6)

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