OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

RALEIGH, N. C., September 4.-This is Labor Day minus the usual celebrations in Raleigh and vicinity.

The workers are not apparently taking kindly the drastic action proposed by the Attorney General of the United States to restrain members of various railway employee's organizations from in any way hinder ing the operation of the railroads of the country and emphatically deny the charge that they have been doing more than conducting a legal and orderly strike to obtain a living wage and more favorable working conditions. Orderly picketing, they contend, has been employed but no violence advised or condoned. According to court decisions, picketing conducted in an orderly manner is permissible. Labor leaders have in no instance sought to stay the hand of the law. They condemn the action of a few irresponsible radicals in inciting to riot and willingly acquiesce in every effort to protect life and property.

What is to be the effect of the Attorney General's blanket injunction is problematical. Similar proceedings have been started in a number of localities with the approval of labor organizations. No one has essayed to suggest that men out on strike should be compelled to go back to their jobs. Involuntary servitude is not contemplated in the constitution of state and federal governments. All citizens worthy of the name agree that life and property should be protected. North Carolina workers adhere to this principle and will go to any length to enforce it.

The condition into which the country has drifted is deplorable to the extreme, but all of the trouble can not be justly placed at the doors of the railroad shop crafts, according to their spokesmen. Until a counciliatory spirit is exercised by both sides to the controversy, there will be no peace, for nothing is ever settled until it is settled right. In the meantime, development projects are at a standstill and hundreds of people, in nowise involved in the strike, are idle because of the inability of the railroads to deliver materials,-to say nothing of the coal famine now im-

Despite the present tie up in ali road construction, on account of the railroad strike, the State Highway Commission recently let contracts for the building of 200 miles of roads and a number of large bridges. This runs the total expenditure for roads authorized since the first of the year to \$23,000,000 and provides for the construction of 1,114 miles. Of the 200 miles of read lately let to contract 125 miles is to be of hard surface. Another link yet to be arranged for will bring the total hard surface mileage for the year to 565, a record not excelled anywhere is the country for a similar period. Recent contracts, aggregating a cost of \$4,-751,304, include construction work in Cleveland, McDowell, Rutherford and Buncombe counties, located in the eighth and ninth road districts.

Coal Director R. O. Self is advised that the mines are ready to fill orders now when cars to bring it out can be made available. He has taken steps to adjust this difficulty. A while ago there were plenty of cars, but no coal. Now the reverse is true and Senator Simmons has been called to the rescue. Commissioner Aitcheson of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is directing the distribution of cars, has been asked to place sufficent cars at Virginia and West Vir-

inia mines to supply shipment orders ow on file at these mines from North Carolina. And the Senator generally gets action when he goes after it.

Affected by World War. As a result of a physical examination of regular army officers recently army surgeons have found clear evidence by physical deterioration caused by strain incident to the prosecution of the World war. A large percentage of the officers show either excessive high or abnormal low blood pressure.

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Signed: A. F. MITCHELL, Co. Supt. of Public Instruction.

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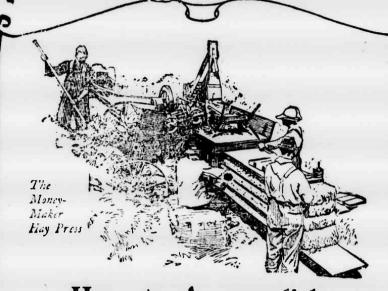


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