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“There is a new spirit in the land,” said Mr. Debs to the *Review* upon his arrival here [Sept. 20, 1908]. “This spirit is not satisfied with talks on the tariff rate regulation and similar vague ‘issues.’ What the workers on the farms and in the shops, mills, and offices want to know is how they are to get more for their labor. They are beginning to see that there are hundreds of mechanical slaves in the country in the form of modern machinery ready to produce more than we can consume. The trouble is these mechanical slaves are privately owned and the vast product is wasted in competition or gobbled by a few private owners or individuals. The day of Socialism and human brotherhood is near.

“The Socialist Party has organizations in every village, town, city, county, and state in the country. It is growing everywhere in the civilized world. Modern machinery is to civilize the world in spite of itself and make it possible for us all to work together and have competition begin after every animal want is satisfied. Socialism means good to all and evil towards none.”

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