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the hills—aye of all matter, rests upon the forces of their constituent molecules. The highest end, therefore, of government is the development of the individual, for the individual character is the determining factor in civilization. Whenever the individual man is crowded out of his occupation and becomes a stranger in his own land, dependent upon the labor and products of others for his subsistence, then it is the unit of society is destroyed, the government has passed its maximum development and the downward journey has begun. Our government is rapidly approaching that period in its history where the individual man is no longer an integral part of society but is rather coming to be a burden upon it, and the highest expansion of his character into its mental, moral and physical capabilities has become a golden impossibility. The greatest menace to individual freedom and to true popular government, that confronts the American people to-day, is the concentration and accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few.

Wealth is power. It is power in its most concentrated, its most efficient and its most applicable form. For the sake of clearness we may distinguish the evil effects of this concentration of wealth by a threefold division of the subject into Political, Social and Industrial. As to its political effects it may be said, perhaps with too much truth, that the legislative body at the capital of our nation no longer represents the masses of the people, but are pliant minions in the hands of the corporations and combinations that furnish the funds at the polls necessary for their election. The average Congressman is such simply for patronage. And who controls them? The money sharks and stock gamblers, the ring, the syndicate and the trust. Their vocation comes merely to be a piracy within the pale of the law. They stand in the lobby halls of our