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{THE DAYS OF REFORM ARE OVER.}

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SERIOUSLY defective is the announcement from New Jersey that the Legislature defeated one “Labor Bill”—the bill to prohibit the employment of women as coremakers in foundries; and passed a “Labor Bill”—the bill requiring employers, when they advertise for help during a strike, to insert in the advertisement information to the effect that there is labor trouble in their plants. Both bills are lost. The one alleged to have been passed is simply a counter-irritant to the one actually defeated. The bill, alleged to have been passed, will be defeated in the other branch; if it passes there also, it will be vetoed by the Governor; if it passes both branches and receives the gubernatorial sanction, it will be declared unconstitutional by the Courts. If it passes both branches, is signed by the Governor, and the employers do not care to go through the expense of securing a Court decision against it, they will themselves declare it unconstitutional by treating it as such—the days of reform are over.

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