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HOW THE MEEK INHERIT THE EARTH.

And the meek shall inherit the earth. Yes, they inherit it by being buried 6 feet deep in it from illness and starvation.

It must be realized that the writer is a general practitioner and is only able to find a few of the instances of gross exploitation as indicated in Exhibits A and B.

I personally spoke to Rosalio Corenado Rodrigues of Exhibit A. Many other workers have come to my office and told me that they were being kicked out while sick and no money is being paid them.

Exhibit B was gotten from a lawyer's office. Yet 3 miles south of the City of El Centro, Calif., is the U.S. Dept of Labor Reception Center. These Mexican workers are brought in and sent through this center. When the Mexican worker is sent back to Mexico, he goes through this center. He is supposed to be asked if he is sick and if he has received all the money due him. This center is run by Walter Francis and he gets a nice fat salary. His job is to protect these workers. Yet I have not heard once that this so-called manager has ever stopped a sick worker from being sent back to Mexico.

These sick exploited workers are found by a volunteer organization headed by me. It can readily be seen that we can only find a few of the many being exploited in this fashion. Yet at this U.S. Dept. of Labor Center, there are at least 50 to 100 workers whose jobs are to protect these workers.

This trick of sending the sick workers back to Mexico and thereby avoiding the payment of medical expenses and avoiding the payment of disability payments is really slick. The laborer often does not know that he should have been sent to the hospital. Many do not know that they are entitled to weekly disability payments.

I have shown previously how Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago is able to keep these workers in ignorance. Continental Casualty Co. is violating the laws of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas and other states. All these states have in their insurance codes, that copies of the master policies must be given to the beneficiaries. These copies are not given to the workers. So they know nothing. When they are being kicked out through the U.S. Dept. of Labor Reception Center, they do not make any protest for they know nothing. It is later when our investigators find them in Mexicali across the border, that the Mexican laborer finds out what is coming to him. If the laborer leaves for the interior of Mexico immediately, which is usually the case, our organization never finds him and Continental Casualty Co. is safe from legal action.

Yes, the meek inherit the earth, 6 feet deep.