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A STATE IN REBELLION.

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THE State of Colorado, as administered by its Executive, Legislative and Judiciary departments, stands to-day in open rebellion against the Federal Government.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in a case on appeal before it, declared not only just and wise, but also constitutional, the law limiting the hours of work for miners to 8 a day. This decision notwithstanding, and with the decision over its head, the Supreme Court of Colorado rendered a decision pronouncing the 8-hour law unconstitutional. It thereby overruled the decision of a superior, of the supreme tribunal in the land; it placed itself above the Supreme Court of the United States.—And there you have the Judiciary of Colorado in open rebellion against the Federal Government.

The Legislature of Colorado has it in its power, and it is its duty, to impeach the Judges. Treason is a high crime and misdemeanor. The whole pack of Judges of the Supreme Court of Colorado should have been impeached and hurled from office, never again to hold any place of profit or trust in the land for their rebellion against the United States Supreme Court. Nevertheless, the Legislature bowed obedient. It bowed to rebellion. It thereby gave aid and comfort to rebels.—And there you have the Legislature of Colorado in rebellion against the Federal Government.

Finally, the Executive of Colorado, Governor McDonald, admits that, he together with other Governors, met in convention and adopted, in the matter of extradition, certain rules “WHICH ARE MUCH MORE STRINGENT THAN THE UNITED STATES LAWS,” and that he is enforcing those rules. In other words, Gov. McDonald has constituted a Congress and Court not contemplated by the Constitution, and in violence thereto. He has set up a legislative body above Congress and even above the Constitution. That is rebellion.—And there you have

the Executive of Colorado in open rebellion against the Federal Government.

The Executive, Legislative and Judiciary powers of the State of Colorado are in defiant, boastful rebellion against the Federal Government. This is secession. From top to bottom the set should be court-martialed. Cashier the traitors!

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