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My dear Fels:

You don't catch the point. I don't object to Westerners or any otherers doing anything they please - so long as they don't call white, black and black, grey. The Oregon graduated tax amendment is a direct contradiction of Single Tax principles. Now to advocate it as Single Taxers is not simply sailing under false colors, but it is also misrepresenting and putting back the single tax itself. I'd rather be asleep in a safe house than awake and tied in a house on fire. That's what your Westerners are bringing about. Is that plain English? We can't afford to stand on ceremony or compliments when a crisis like this confronts us. Do you want history to say "The Joseph Fels fund, disregarding the intent of its founder, defeated and delayed Single Tax for 50 years"? That's what will happen, sure as sure.

2. The Bigelow constitutional amendment in Ohio is a Pyrrhic victory so far as Single Tax is concerned. As for I & R it's O. K. but are you after limited I & R - and limited especially against S. T.! If so, count me OUT.

Of course I "growl" and "kick" at all such damn-fool proceedings. I admire Bigelow but he's made a tremendous blunder. I'd rather see his Constitution defeated than adopted and he should have - as a S. T. man - let the I & R amendment go, rather than write into the Constitution an inhibition of S. T. God save us from all such victories in future!

Yours truly,

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