

whenever this particular way is proposed for opening up the land for people to use. There are plenty of other things besides farming to be done on the land, and most of them are done in the cities. To hear some people talk, one would suppose that there was no "land" in the cities. Yet, there are acres in some cities where Labor and Capital produce, and pay, more in Rent alone, than they can produce on thousands of acres of the best agricultural land in this country. It is the activities of Labor and Capital which produce the wealth from which Rent is paid, and it is the conveniences in the cities which add so tremendously to their efficiency in the production of wealth.

It is as absurd as it is inconceivable that any one should think that an individual or group of individuals (even when organized as a government) can own any part of the earth and charge other individuals for using it; or to claim exclusive possession of it without compensating in full all who have had a hand in providing the improvements and services which alone make such possession desirable. All people must live on the earth if they are to live. If they can get at it, they may live as well as their own efforts make possible. If, due to long deprivation of the freedom of access to locations on the "land" people today are so inexperienced as to be un-