NEW LABOR BILL A TAFT POLICY

Liability and Compensation Measure Progressive.

JUSTICE IS ITS OBJECT.

President Approves Proposed Legislation Making Federal Labor Laws Fit Modern Conditions—Legal Machinery Simplified.

As the result of the personal interest of President Taft in all matters affecting the workingmen of the country, congress has before it today a comprehensive bill on employers' liability and workmen's compensation which is recognized as one of the most progressive of the many achievements of the Taft administration. The bill was reported by a commission appointed by President Taft pursuant to a joint resolution of congress passed on June 25, 1910, and it was recently sent to congress by the president, accompanied with a message recommending its passage. As drafted the measure provides an exclusive remedy and compensation for accidental injuries resulting in disabilities or death to employees of common carriers engaged in interstate or foreign commerce or in the District of Columbia.

This comprehensive legislation is the direct outcome of the several unsatisfactory [illegible] passed by congress in recent years and is illustrative of the [illegible] method of reaching an admitted evil by a painstaking investigation followed by carefully considered laws. As is well known, the first employers' liability law passed in the last administration was declared unconstitutional by the courts. A new law was passed [illegible] which was also declared unconstitutional by the courts. A new law was passed [illegible] which was also declared unconstitutional by the courts. A new law was passed [illegible] which was also