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**Believes Children Should Be Allowed to
Reap the Fruits of Honest Toll.**

To the Editor of The New York Times:

In discussing the New Jersey Child Labor bill in to-day's issue you make reference to a well-known fact that there are "manufacturers of one sort and another who are eager to get as many and as small children at work for as many hours a day and for as small wages as they can."

Now, since this is a fact, I wonder why it is that so many people whose own bread and butter is not at stake continually express their disgust with labor unions because they attempt to counteract this tendency by seeking to work as few hours a day for as high wages as they can get. There are thousands of children in this country of tender years who are forced to provide for themselves. Why should they not be allowed to reap the fruits of honest toil wherever and however they can, if this really is a free country? Such liberty of choice would seem to be based on nearly the same principle that an adult should be allowed to do honest labor under any conditions of hours and wages which suit his individual ideas.

In contemplating the evils of child labor it might be well to bear in mind that child labor and cheap labor have at least a family resemblance.

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