

Working Together in Unison:
An Open Letter to J.B. Smiley of Chicago
(September 17, 1900)

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 17, 1900

J.B. Smiley, Esq.¹
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My Dear Comrade:—

Your favor of the 14th advising me of the demonstration to be held at Chicago on the 29th inst. [Sept. 29, 1900] has been received, and it gives me pleasure to say that I shall be in attendance as requested by the committee.²

I am gratified to note that the socialists of Illinois are working together in unison and harmony, and I do not doubt that the results in November will vindicate the wisdom and fealty to wisdom of our comrades in deciding upon a policy of united action.

Wishing your committee all possible success in the prosecution of its arduous labors, I remain

Yours fraternally,

E. V. Debs.

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¹ J.B. Smiley was a member of the arrangements committee for the appearance of Debs for an address at Central Music Hall in Chicago. The event was jointly arranged by adherents of both of the rival SDP organizations working in concert despite the animosity and mistrust of many in the Chicago-based Debs organization. *The Workers' Call*, edited by *International Socialist Review* editor Algie Simons, was allied with the Social Democratic Party with headquarters in Springfield, Massachusetts.

² See: Debs, "Competition vs. Cooperation: Speech at Central Music Hall, Chicago," Sept. 29, 1900, this volume.