

# Governmental Protection of Labor's Right to Organize

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Summary of evidence introduced at a hearing before  
the National Labor Relations Board bearing upon  
the factual basis of the National Labor Rela-  
tions Act and the reasonableness of the  
regulations embodied therein

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"A further hearing was held before the Board in Washington, D. C., on April 2 to April 8, 1936, inclusive, at which time there was introduced into the record on behalf of the Board oral and written evidence tending to lend further support to the findings made by Congress in Section 1 of the Act, and tending to show the need for, and the practicability and reasonableness of, the method adopted by the Congress for dealing with the problem. The oral testimony was received from persons generally recognized as experts in their respective fields, who qualified as such before giving testimony; and the written evidence was prepared from authoritative sources. The staff of the Board, under its direction and close supervision, has summarized and rearranged this evidence in the form of a bulletin, which is being issued concurrently with and as a supplement to this decision, and which is hereby made a part hereof as if incorporated herein.

"In issuing this bulletin, the Board does so with the realization that the treatment of the various subjects dealt with therein is not inclusive, nor does the Board suppose that because the evidence summarized in the bulletin was received in a hearing held pursuant to Section 10 (b) of the Act, the conclusions stated in the bulletin are conclusive upon the courts as provided in Section 10 (c) of the Act with respect to other findings of the Board. Rather, the Board offers the bulletin for the information and assistance of the courts and for others who may desire to have in convenient form some of the learning which has been gathered during the years in the various fields covered by the witnesses."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> From the decision of the National Labor Relations Board in the *Matter of the Crucible Steel Co. of America*, Case No. R-25, 1936, p. 2. The evidence referred to was submitted at a joint hearing in the cases of the Crucible Steel Co., Wheeling Steel Corporation, and Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, and the oral testimony appears in full in the printed Transcript of Record in *National Labor Relations Board v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.*, in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, No. 8088, 1936. Page references hereinafter appearing, preceded by the letter B, relate to the official report of the joint hearing.

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