

# Samuel Gompers Quotes

*Men, People, Long, Race, Country, Struggle, Hands, Order, Movement,  
Opportunity, Party, Business, Organization, Rights, Compulsion, Beautiful,  
Unions, Doe, Intelligent, Failure*

The man who has his millions will want everything he can lay his hands on and then raise his voice against the poor devil who wants ten cents more a day.

~Samuel Gompers

Where trade unions are most firmly organized, there are the rights of the people most respected.

~Samuel Gompers

To be free, the workers must have choice. To have choice they must retain in their own hands the right to determine under what conditions they will work.

~Samuel Gompers

The trade union movement represents the organized economic power of the workers... It is in reality the most potent and the most direct social insurance the workers can establish.

~Samuel Gompers

The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce.

~Samuel Gompers

Show me the country that has no strikes and I'll show you the country in which there is no liberty.

~Samuel Gompers

Do I believe in arbitration? I do. But not in arbitration between the lion and the lamb, in which the lamb is in the morning found inside the lion

~Samuel Gompers

It is impossible for capitalists and laborers to have common interests.

~Samuel Gompers

Doing for people what they can and ought to do for themselves is a

dangerous experiment.

~Samuel Gompers

You can't weigh the soul of a man with a bar of pig-iron.

~Samuel Gompers

The worst crime against working people is a company which fails to operate at a profit.

~Samuel Gompers

You can't do it unless you organize.

~Samuel Gompers

No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion.

~Samuel Gompers

So long as there is one [person] who seeks employment and cannot find it, the hours of work are too long.

~Samuel Gompers

The periods of unemployment accompanying depression in the business cycle . . . present a challenge to all our claims to progress, humanity, and civilization.

~Samuel Gompers

No race of barbarians ever existed yet offered up children for money

~Samuel Gompers

Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation.

~Samuel Gompers

[The labor movement is] a movement of the working people, for the working people, by the working people, governed by ourselves, with its

policies determined by ourselves.

~Samuel Gompers

The working people know no country. They are citizens of the world.

~Samuel Gompers

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