

Bruce Rauner is a Menace to Workers



Billionaire Bruce Rauner wants to buy the office of Illinois governor. If he succeeds, we're all in big trouble. In many statements Rauner has revealed that attacking unions and impoverishing workers would be his top priorities as governor.

In a speech in March to Tazewell County Republicans, Rauner called for a government shutdown and mass firings of workers to bust unions. "We may have to do what Ronald Reagan did with the air traffic controllers. Sort of have a do-over and shut things down for a little while. That's what we're gonna do." (In 1981 Pres. Reagan fired more than 11,000 air traffic controllers, who were federal employees, and destroyed their union, PATCO. A video of Rauner's speech is circulating on the internet.)

Rauner has also said that union contracts are "corrupt" and that he wants to eliminate collective bargaining rights for public employees. He's also called for eliminating public employee pensions, replacing them with 401(k)s.

Rauner wants to make Illinois a so-called "right-to-work" state. This would weaken all unions by encouraging workers to quit or never join, and make it easier for bosses to cut wages and get rid of unions. The median household income of workers in "right-to-work" states is \$6,437 lower than in states that don't have "right-to-work" laws.

Rauner says he wants to lower the Illinois minimum wage from \$8.25 an hour to \$7.25 an hour. Rauner's own earnings, in 2012, were over \$25,000 **an hour**.

Rauner was born rich but got even richer as a "venture capitalist" or "vulture capitalist" (much like Mitt Romney). Rauner made millions buying and selling companies, laying off workers, cutting their pensions, cheating them out of unemployment and workers' compensation, and shipping their jobs overseas. "Not every job should be in America," Rauner said in August.

Union members have often been disappointed by the Democrats, but things will be much worse if Rauner wins. Bruce Rauner is the worst of the corporate class and the worst of the union-busting right wing.

**We all need to vote on November 4
to stop this enemy of workers.
Stop billionaire union-buster Bruce Rauner!**

