

## **A Few Minutes with the Boss**

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### **Didn't take him long**

For the new governor, that is, to mess with labor. But we tried to tell folks no matter how aggravating Quinn was, "Rauner the Bruce" (a spinoff of "Robert the Bruce," the Scottish King of William Wallace/Braveheart fame) would be much worse.

First he comes in and pays his sycophants more than Quinn sycophants made in the same position for doing the same job. I guess they were underpaid to "Rauner the Bruce."

Second, he is trying and has pissed off labor. How so, you say? Well, he wants employees to be paid by achievements and not longevity. Can you say "merit?" Then he wants the "right to work" (RTW) zones to kill unions like in Wisconsin and Indiana.

And he wants to prevent "fair share" union dues to protect workers, which is really code for kill the unions and prevent contributions to Democratic campaigns.

It's in the state level at this point and he vows to take this case to the US Supreme Court. "Rauner the Bruce" is taking this very seriously. He is an advocate for big business which labor knew, but Quinn irritated so many, in my humble opinion, that a lot of conservative law enforcement types, as well as Democrat types thought "Rauner the Bruce" would be something other than he is — anti-union. Oh, he says he is not, but everything he does kinda-sorta illustrates his anti-union leanings.

So labor will fight him now, too. Quinn's pension reduction of benefits and now the RTW zones with the accompanying fair share fiasco that he is bound and determined to implement, is a three-prong attack against public employees.

If we lose pensions that will certainly screw up existing and future retirements. If labor should lose the fair share and unions and RTW zone issues, you will suffer mightily as your power to negotiate and defend yourself goes right in the toilet. And Rauner will use that money to increase taxes and put it in government's pockets.

Unions will do their part. You must do yours. And in between, pray for justice.

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