FOR THE SINGLE TAX

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Congratulations to James L. Busey for his vigorous pitch for resuing the term "single tax" as an identifier for the Georgist movement.

Somebody sent us a bumper sticker reading "I'm for the Single Tax." We put it on our pick-up truck-camper when setting out on a tour through Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. At service stations, restaurants, highway rest stops, people asked, "What's the Single Tax?" and when it was explained, said, "I'm for that too." We exchanged addresses and when we got home we embarked on a campaign of correspondence with those contacts. Most of those written to have responded. That bumper sticker is probably going to bring some new people into the movement.

Every advocate of the Henry George philosophy should get such a sticker and keep it on his car, together with a supply of short and snappy leaflets.

A blanket of obfuscation conceals the simple truths we Georgists try to expose; it is harder to find out what "land value taxation" means than to find your way around in a fog. "Tax site value and take taxes off homes." That is a short, simple and straightforward statement that carries the message of George's proposals to every one.

"Oh! You can't do that; it's unconstitutional." Bosh. According to what constitution? All the U.S. Constitution says is that Congress shall have the power to levy taxes. And state constitutions can be changed.

The state in the U.S.A. that first adopts a Single Tax (or Site Value Tax Plan) will economically progress so fast and so suddenly that adjacent states, suffering population loss and business slow-downs and not knowing why, will be trying to get Congress to pass laws against the State that intelligently adopts and puts a site value tax into effect. Politicians will rail against the "unfair tactics" of their prospering neighbor — but the constituencies of those politicians will see that the new system means something good for them and will vote for it.