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## **Henry George Pleased**

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Henry George is of the opinion that the single tax movement will receive a great boom on account of the action of the Supreme Court making the income tax constitutional. "I have not read the income tax bill carefully," he said, "and I have just glanced at the decision of the justices, consequently I do not care to discuss the matter very fully. However, from my reading of the constitution, I am of the opinion that the income tax law was unconstitutional. The striking out of incomes drawn from real estate and municipal and state bonds makes what is left of the measure still more preposterously unjust. The true way to raise Federal revenue, as proposed in an amendment of Congressman James G. McGuire of California, is to bring a direct tax, apportioned in the Constitutional manner among the states, on a value of land exclusive of buildings and improvements. This decision of the Supreme Court will Dallas draw attention to the merits of this proposition."

"The best that could be said of the income tax as it finally passed Congress and was signed by the president, is that it was better than a tariff tax. In conclusion the action of the Supreme Court will certainly help forward the single-tax idea."