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CLARENCE S. DARROW. No lawyer in the country has been more distinguished in recent years as an aggressive fighter in behalf of organized labor than Clarence S. Darrow, whose home for many years has been in Chicago, but whose practice has extended from coast to coast.

He was born in Kinsman, Ohio, April 18, 1857, attended public schools, and in 1875 was admitted to the bar. At one time he was attorney for the Northwestern Railway Company. However, he has made his chief reputation as the indefatigable and brilliant counselor for clients whose cases have represented some phase of the great struggle between the masses and the classes. Many of his cases have been against monopoly, including litigation against the gas trust in Chicago, and he was chief counsel for the anthracite miners in the anthracite coal strike arbitration before the Roosevelt Commission in 1902-03. He was also counsel in the Debs strike case and a large number of injunction and labor conspiracy cases on the side of labor. He defended Moyer, Hayward and Pettibone on the charge of murdering Ex-Governor Shunenburg of Idaho. In 1911 he was the chief counsel for the McNamara brothers in the Los Angeles Times dynamite case, and was indicted for alleged bribery of a juror and a prospective juror, but acquitted after a trial extending from May 15 to August 17, 1912.

Mr. Darrow is also a prominent speaker and platform lecturer, and is also an author, having written a number of pamphlets on social and economic questions, and the following books: Persian Pearl, a book of essays; Resist Not Evil; Farmington, a novel; An Eye for an Eye.

He has taken much part in political campaigns as an independent democrat and in 1902 was elected a member of the Illinois Legislature. He is senior member of the firm of Darrow & Sissman of Chicago.