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Vision - New Deal:

Certainly nothing could be more contrary to the spirit of the New Deal, the vision if you wish, than the authority or excuse or opportunity that it has given those who saw it, not as a national effort but as a screen under which they could carry out better ambitions of their own.

Industries which have piled up stocks in haste ~~breaking under former conditions~~ in order to plead when a new code was put in force that already there was not a demand for what they had on their shelves. Labor organizations that have hastened to increase their power, not that they might better co-operate but they might have more power to force. The public which under the stimulation of rising stocks threw itself in headlong to speculate, forge upward, ultimately of course to be forced down.

All of these exhibits are but signs that the idea behind this New Deal is utterly ~~misplaced~~ *unrealized*.