

What you need to do

The author makes several references to "Tillmanites" and "anti-Tillmanites". The fact that there was a large and powerful group of people in South Carolinian and National politics who used the label is an important one. The best way to understand what this important term means is to break "Tillmanism" down into its parts and analyze them. The below list is of some of the things that concerned Tillman and his followers. Reread the section and decide what a "Tillmanite" would believe about each.

The Parts: What makes a "Tillmanite" tick?

1. The powers of the federal government

- could challenge white supremacy in the Southern States.
- federal gov't must not be given powers that would enable it to intrude in a state's domestic affairs. Things should be done by the state.

2. Civil liberties for whites

o The franchise (right to vote)

- o Disfranchisement
- o Segregation

whites had the right to vote.
whites will give you better government.
Active Gov't
- more democratic
- more regulation

3. Civil liberties for blacks

o The franchise (right to vote)

- o Disfranchisement
- o Segregation

right to vote taken away.
if blacks were in power = bad government
problem in RR, 2 of everything
wanted passport system for all AA

4. Powers of the state

might become a destroyer rather than a protector. It could limit working hrs. of individuals laborers, it could also set limits for ag. workers. It would cripple southern agriculture.

5. Monopolies like banks and railroads ("corporate capital")

He believed nationalizing the RR would create a political army to be used by the party in power. It would undermine the hard-won political autonomy of the former Conf. States. Government ownership of the RRs might cost him the 1908 Dem. nom. Fullminated against collusion b/w RRs & federal courts.

6. Factory owners

He was deeply suspicious of factory owners whether they were from the South or New England (states). They represent big businesses.

7. Workers

He said lockouts of employees were unjust & cruel. He wanted SC to limit hrs. that adults & children could be required to work. he wanted to prevent abuse.

8. Farmers

He didn't want farmers hrs. to be cut b/c it would cripple Southern agriculture. protects them from F.G.

9. Currency

Tillman wanted everything to be backed by silver. more \$ & circulation.

F.G. - Federal Government

