

Excerpt 7: Pulitzer, Roosevelt

Governor Roosevelt is trying to talk Pulitzer down from his arrogant high horse

PULITZER

Governor Roosevelt?

ROOSEVELT

Joseph, Joseph, Joseph. What have you done now?

PULITZER

I'm certain when you hear my explanation –

ROOSEVELT

Thanks to Miss Medda Larkin bringing your daughter to my office, I already have a thorough grasp of the situation – graphic illustrations included.

(brandishes Jack's drawings)

Bully is the expression I usually employ to show approval. But in your case I simply mean bully!

Roosevelt pauses then continues

Well, Joe, don't just stand there letting those children sing endlessly. Give them the good news.

PULITZER

What good news?

ROOSEVELT

That you've come to your senses and rolled back prices. Unless, of course, you want to invite a full state senate investigation into your employment practices.

PULITZER

(red with anger)

You wouldn't –

ROOSEVELT

After the pressure you wielded to keep me from office? I'd do it with a smile. Come along, Joseph. There's only one thing worse than a hard heart, and that's a soft head.