I can still see Joe Buchanan as I saw him, the day labor agitator, in The Enquirer at Chicago in March, 1888, his sleeves rolled up and his apron on, making his rounds to the factories. As I entered his office with a mutual friend to consult with him about the亅

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