Us vs. Them: Organizing for Worker Power
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ACROSS
1. Every good meeting ends with these
10. How it feels when our strategies don’t work
11. Powerful word when said by a united group of workers
12. Shares island with Haiti (abbr.)
13. Eugene Debs’ party (abbr.)
15. Kind of low-income housing (abbr.)
18. _____ welfare: description of how government helps big business
23. One type of migrant worker that Woody Guthrie sang about
24. We need a strong majority ____ board in order to beat the boss

DOWN
1. Montgomery bus boycott state (abbr.)
2. Worker who maybe doesn’t belong in our unions
3. You are familiar in France or Spain
4. It ____ ____ to be an activist these days!
5. Yiddish cry of frustration
6. When the contract isn’t great or terrible; it’s ____
7. Before ergy and thusiasm—needed by our movement
8. Office threatened with privatization
9. MLK or JFK, for example
12. We need more than a few leaders to ____ the work of the union
14. What austerity is ultimately all about
16. What good organizing is all about
17. When the public sector is starved of funds, it makes it easier to ____
18. We want employers to ____ the high road instead of austerity
19. We had hoped ____ G would stay alive a few more months
20. What we build through our 16 Down
21. When we get ____ ____ reception from management, we’re probably doing something right
22. What every organizing conversation should include
26. A campaign needs a good one to grab attention
29. ____ ____ had a nickel for each of the boss’s lies…
31. Austerity advocates want to ____ unions
33. A bit of a safety net for laid-off workers
34. The M____ provides pensions to Mass. teachers
38. What charter school advocates were, after Massachusetts unions defeated their expensive ballot measure
40. Concerning
41. Four in Rome
42. Kind of marijuana
43. When the landlord ____ someone, let’s blockade
46. Pissed off
47. They may think workers are their ____ but one day we will be their lords
49. Scratch a traditional politician and you’ll find a big one
51. Kind of worker not covered by the NLRA
53. Nashville is its capital
55. Union chartered when the UE was smeared as communist
57. We demand a ____ about our working conditions

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