ask the Lord to heal them, and then if
the Lord healed the sick they should not
be worthy to keep their land, but should
be driven from their homes and be de-
prived of their property!

Another reason was that, besides be-
lieving in the gifts of speaking in tongues
and healing the sick, we assumed to fore-
tell future events. They did not like that
at all. To think that people should be-
lieve in that part of the Gospel in the
19th century was too much for our en-
emies, and they said—"We cannot have
such people in our midst, to corrupt
our morals, and to introduce the old-
fashioned religion that is taught in the
New Testament. We have a religion that
does away all these things, it does not be-
lieve in the order of things that the New
Testament sets forth, and you pretend
that this New Testament religion is to be
enjoyed in our day; our wives and chil-
dren must not be corrupted by it."

These were the main reasons for driv-
ing us, as set forth in their published
program. I did not know, in those days,
that it was a crime for the Latter-day
Saints to believe in this part of the
New Testament; I really thought that,
in our country, the Constitution guaran-
teed to us the privilege of believing the
whole of the New Testament as well as
a part; but it would seem to be other-
wise, for forty years have passed away
and we are still disfranchised so far as
our property is concerned. We have
appealed to the United States govern-
ment to bestow upon us our rights as
American citizens. Have they done it?
Oh no; they have referred us, however,
to those persons who drove us out of
the State, supposing that they would
have the magnanimity to restore to us
our rights. Who ever heard of mur-
derers, robbers and thieves turning
round and restoring that to their victims
of which they had plundered them? I
scarcely ever heard of such an instance;
there may be some few instances in his-
tory, but they are very rare, in which
a person will repent and try to restore
fourfold. The United States Government
told us that we must appeal to those
who had murdered, robbed and driven
us from our homes, for the redress we
sought. But we have had the revela-
tion of the Lord pretty well fulfilled—
"You shall be persecuted from city to city,
and from synagogue to synagogue, and
but few shall stand to receive their in-
heritances."

We were driven from Jackson County,
in the State of Missouri, in the Fall of the
year 1833, and three or four months af-
fter that event the revelation was given
from which I have read this extract,
promising that, after much tribulation,
we and our children after us should be
restored to the lands of our inheritances.

Have we had much tribulation? Yes.
Look at the many times we have been
driven since that revelation was given.
We were driven out of Clay County, then
out of Kirtland, in Geauga County, now
called Lake County, Ohio; and after that
we were driven from Caldwell County,
from Davies County, Ray County, and
several other surrounding counties in
the State of Missouri, and finally ex-
pelled from the State, leaving a great
many thousand acres of land for which
we hold the deeds to the present day. Af-
ter that we settled in the State of Illi-
nois, in Nauvoo. We were there but a
few years when the Prophet, his brother
and several others were killed, and again
we were driven, and finally there was a