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The end of the civil war meant that blacks were finally emancipated from racial discrimination. However, even with civil war coming to an end, it was an indubitable fact that the place of blacks in the in a society that still included white populations was still not yet resolved. The thirteenth amendment of the constitution had abolished slavery but the status of the Black-Americans had not yet been fully reconstructed. To ameliorate this condition, most southern states formulated the black codes to help the freed slaves in their endeavor for reconstruction. In a similar manner, the sharecropping contract- a contract that enabled the Negroes to use their former masters' land for cropping for a share of produce was implemented the aid in reconstruction. Quite notable was the fact that the end of the war meant that the black lost some privileges while gaining other at the same time. The privileges were the abolishment of slavery, American citizenship, and rights to vote, owning property and marriage. Privileges lost through black codes included the denial of rights to state militia, freedom of expression, testifying against the whites, others were limited to occupation and serving as juries. Again, they were required to sign yearly labor contracts failure would have resulted to arrest and punishment.

Carnegie advocated for practice of capitalism as a means of becoming rich. He explains that civilization is the major cause of revolution which has totally changed human life condition and that proper administration of wealth after laws in which civilization was founded is the problem in this age. To Carnegie, rich and poor problem in American can only be solved through bestowing a different mode, other than charity, to help those who can help themselves. Conventionally, Carnegie implied that such a move could give

those who desire to improve their lives an opportunity to improve themselves. Besides noting that those worthy to be assisted rarely require assistance unless under exceptional cases, he recommended mechanisms through which the rich could distribute their accumulated wealth to other community members.

The Carnegie's ideas promote opportunity for all because for those who are determined to improve their life are in a position of getting financial assistance to help them realize their dreams and accomplish their projects.