



PART TWO

THE WORKERS

Their Creation and Control

'The plentiful supply of cheap labour made possible the working of the low-grade ore of the Witwatersrand.' Van der Horst, *Native Labour in South Africa*, 1941.

Part I showed how gold mining created a small class of powerful capitalists. It also created a huge working class. Who were these workers? What were the conditions of their work?
Part II shows how the mines got their labour and how they kept it cheap.