Clear Way for Farm Unionism

A pact between Cesar Chavez, the Paul Bunyan of farm labor, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters holds out the happy prospect that Mr. Chavez's fledgling farm union can move beyond California's newly organized vineyards without having to fight off a rear-guard attack by the huge truck union.

The early stages of the Chavez effort to bring grape workers under union protection were undercut by the teamsters, acting in concert with some large growers. West Coast leaders of the truck union put a stop to such rivalry, thus removing a major obstacle to the eventual success of the farm union's drive in the vineyards.

When Mr. Chavez turned to unionizing lettuce-