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¹People see faults and failings. Everything is very easy according to wisecreteness. Just put it right, and then all is well. It is not like that. What is and is happening now is the result of (page3) factors in the past the number of which is incomprehensible to ignorance. It is these hidden factors that have been at work. And they remain even when you have remedied the visible defect. The roadbed settles and the rails are displaced. The workers fill in gravel and lay new rails. Soon the roadbed has settled again. The bedding has been washed away once again. The task of the railway engineer is to find the hidden cause. This analogy has been utterly simplified in order to give a hint. In many cases there is no possibility for the normal individual to find the ultimate causes.

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