



THE FARMER AND THE RAILROAD MONSTER.
WHICH WILL WIN?

Which will win? the farmer or the railroad monster? 1873.

Questions:

In the cartoon, the railroad monster appears to have engulfed a capitol building (and other government buildings) in its coils. Judging by the cartoon, do the buildings represent the government of the United States or of the states? Note carefully the words on the club with which the farmer is trying to beat the monster back. What is the cartoonist trying to say about relying on state or national power to deal with the problems created by the growth of railroads and the creation of a national transportation system?