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## Taft v. Roosevelt: The Fight for the Republican Party



**After he was fired, Pinchot would serve as the liaison between Roosevelt and the Insurgent wing of the Republican Party working to convince Roosevelt that the Insurgent Republicans needs his popularity to defeat Taft. While he was largely more popular than Taft, a biased nomination process in the incumbent's favor denied Roosevelt the Republican nomination. In response, Roosevelt launched and ran under the Progressive Bull Moose Party. Although Democrat Woodrow Wilson won the election, Roosevelt received more popular and electoral votes than Taft representing a small victory in defeat. In all, Pinchot played a consequential role in leading the opposition to the Taft Administration and recruiting Roosevelt to challenge his handpicked successor.**