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Abstracts

GABRIELE MAMMARELLA, Mussolini, i confederali e il disegno collaborazionista (1921-1924)

Along the path that led him to the conquest of power, with regards to trade unions politics, Benito Mussolini convinced himself that it was necessary to operate on more than one direction. In fact, even though he promoted the birth of organisation of workers whose action was inspired by *sindacalismo nazionale*, since 1921 and until a few days before the death of Matteotti, he also pursued a strategy trying to involve in fascism some reformist leaders of *Confederazione Generale del Lavoro*. This move had a double aim: to loosen the bond between the 'real force' of socialism and its political representation and, through an operation from the top, to involve working-class masses still unaware or hostile to fascism.