

Labor History

A timeline

Pre-Industrial Revolution

WHAT DID LABOR LOOK LIKE?

Master/slave

Indentured Servant

Apprenticeships

Shortage of Skilled Labor

WHAT DID PRODUCTION LOOK LIKE?

Artisan/Handmade

Made to order

Agricultural

Any kind of Union activity prior to 1842 was often considered conspiratorial in the eyes of the law.

Industrial Revolution

WHAT DID LABOR LOOK LIKE?

Immigrants

Women/Children

Freed Slaves

Lower class

WHAT DID PRODUCTION LOOK LIKE?

Factory production

Unskilled labor

14-16 hour days

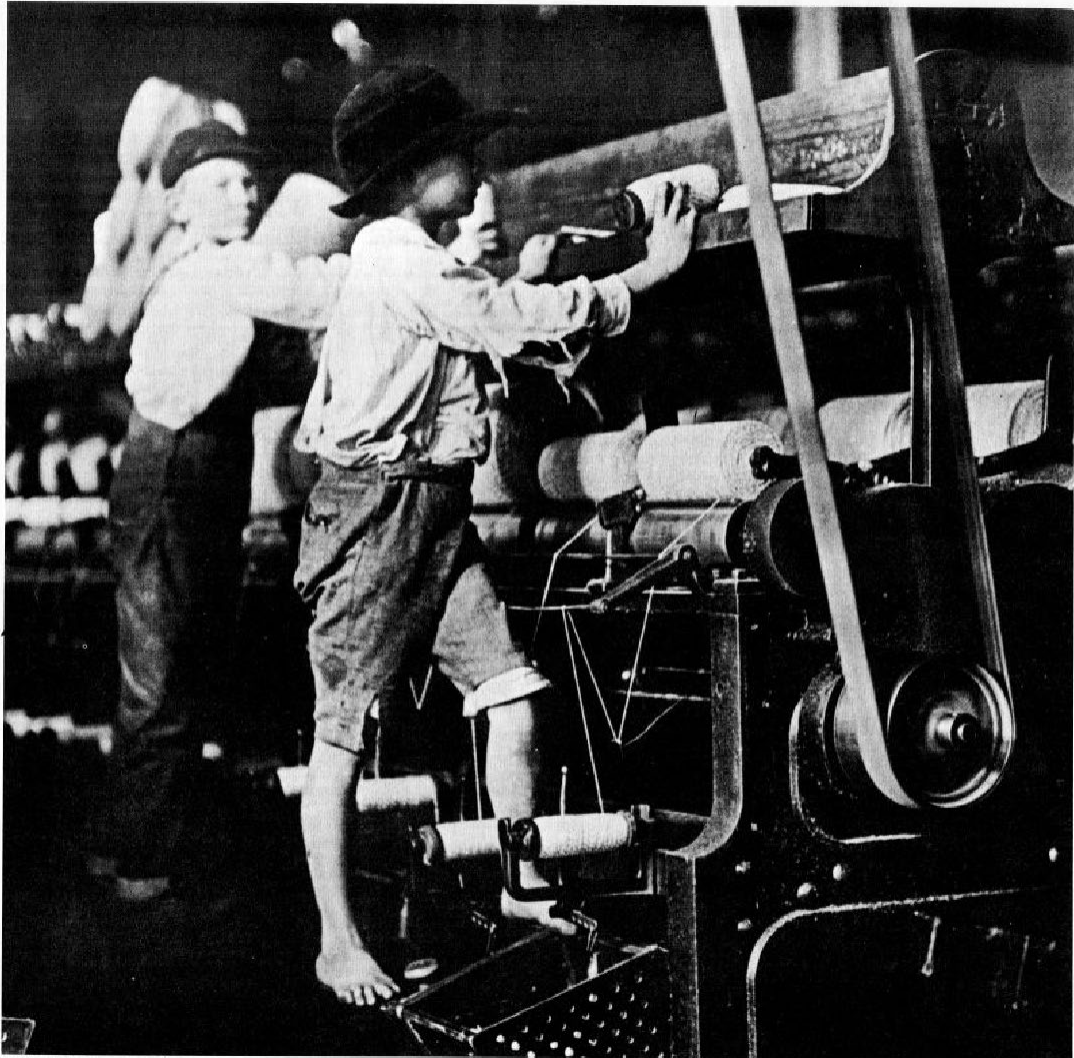
Harmful working conditions

Towards the end of the 19th century, immigration numbers were staggering: 22 million people emigrated in a span of 40 years.



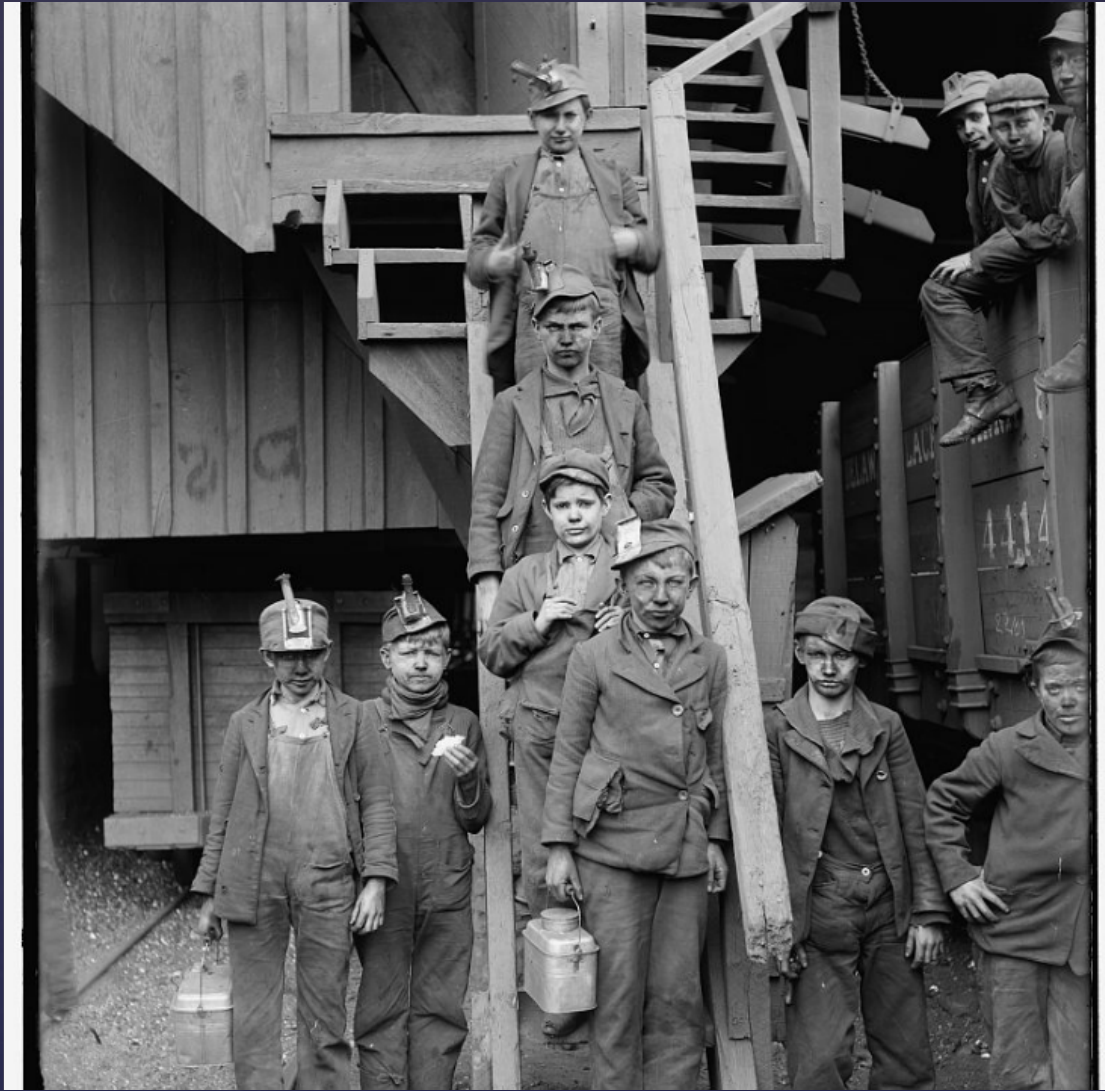
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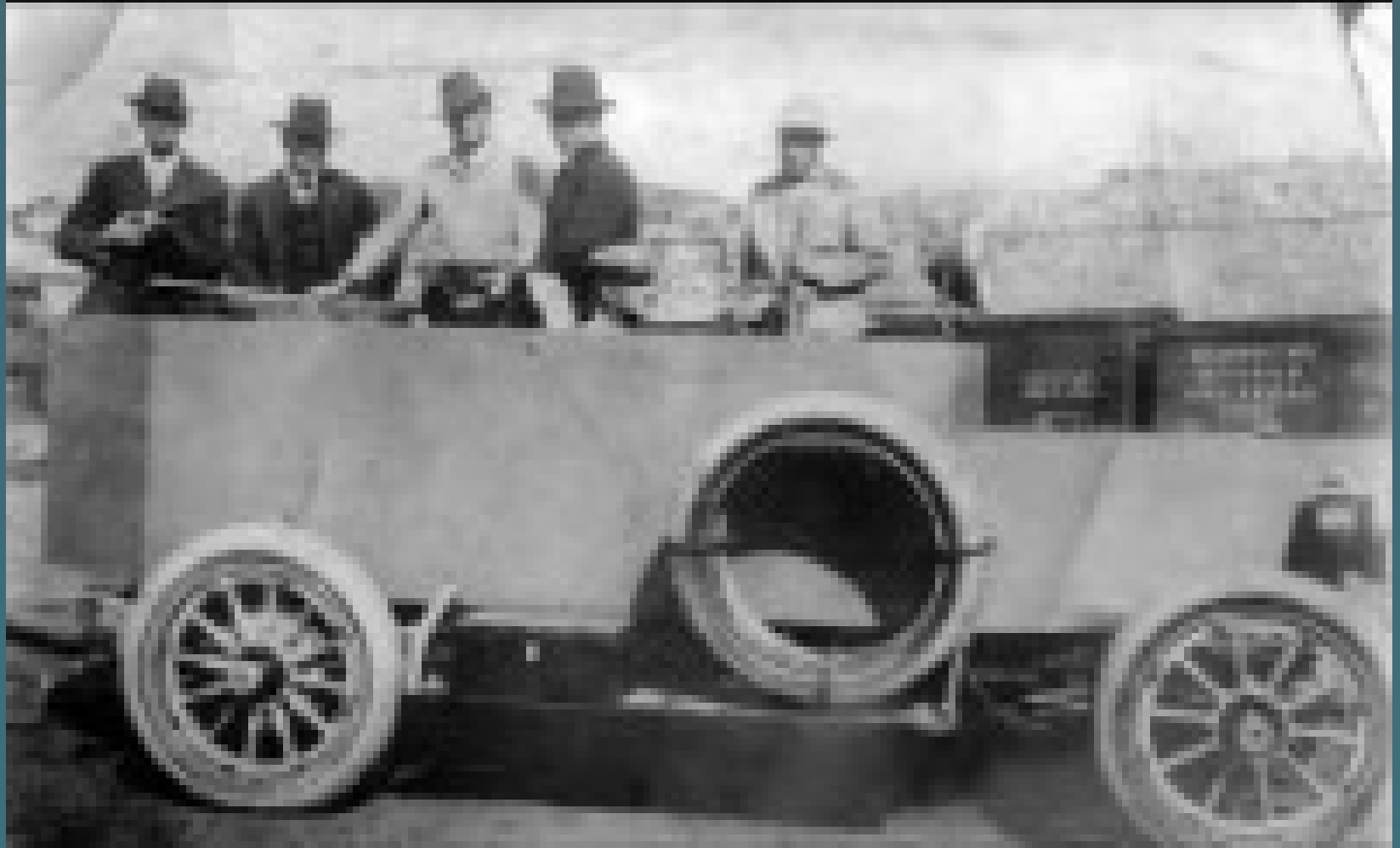


What problems were unions trying to solve?

- ⌘ Poor Wages
- ⌘ Child Labor
- ⌘ Improved Working Conditions
- ⌘ Hours Worked
- ⌘ Race/Gender/Age Disparity

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Union Accomplishments

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- ⌘ Child Labor
- ⌘ Improved Working Conditions
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