

## Timeline: Labor unrest and the Pullman Strike

<b>1868</b>	Knights of Labor created
<b>1877</b>	National uprising of railroad workers-ten Irish coal miners “Molly Maguires” are hanged in Pennsylvania; 9 more were subsequently hanged
	<b>Great Railroad Strike begins</b>
<b>1881</b>	Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions formed
<b>1886</b>	American Federation of Labor founded.
	<b>Haymarket Affair</b>
<b>1887</b>	Seven “anarchists” charged with bombing in Chicago’s Haymarket Square and sentenced to death
<b>1892</b>	<b>Homestead Strike.</b> Iron and steel workers defeated in lockout at Homestead, PA.
<b>1893</b> declare bankruptcy	Depression begins after Reading Railroad and Philadelphia Railroad

<b>June 20</b>	50 workers create the American Railways Union headed by Eugene V. Debs
<b>May-July</b> of 25 percent	Pullman Company workforce is reduced to 3,300 men. Wages are cut on average
<b>1894</b>	
	Protest of Coxey’s Army
<b>May 11</b> workforce walks out.	The <b>Pullman Strike</b> begins when more than 90 percent of the Pullman
<b>June 12</b>	The American Railway Union meets in Chicago to discuss arbitration talks
<b>June 26</b> Association	The American Railway Union boycott and strikes begin when General Manager’s
	fire men who refuse to switch passenger trains with Pullman cars
<b>June 29</b>	About 20 railroads were tied up due to the work stoppage
<b>July 2</b>	A Federal injunction drafted by Edwin Walker is issued to Debs and the American Railway stating that they could not discuss or conduct boycott

**July 3** Attorney General Richard Olney receives the telegram stating that only the Army  
can protect mail

## Timeline Part II

### The Pullman Strike...continued

- July 3** Federal troops enter the dispute
- July 4** President Cleveland dispatches the first detachment of 10,000 federal troops to Chicago
- July 5** Governor John Altgeld protests the use of federal troops and sends in the state militia to help keep peace between Chicago citizens and the federal troops
- July 7** Federal troops open fire on rioters on Loomis Street. Four killed and 20 more wounded
- Eugene V. Debs and other officers of the American Railway Union are arrested
- July 10** Federal grand jury indicts Eugene V. Debs for conspiracy to obstruct a mail train
- July 17** Eugene V. Debs and associates arrested again for violating the July 2 injunction
- July 18** Pullman Company re-opens
- August 2** The American Railway Union officially ends the boycott
- December 14** Eugene V. Debs was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail
- 1895**
- May 27** Supreme Court uphold Debs' conviction