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| Comparison of Labor Events from 1874 through 1893 – and to the End of the 1890s With Opposition: color indicates whether the force comes from the federal government, state government, local government or whether the force is not from government but—in the cases below—paid for privately by business. |

| Date | Labor Events and Who or What Stopped the Event | Industry/Group | West | MWest | East |
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| 1874-01 | Tompkins Square  Opposition: the police | 7,000 unemployed | − | − | X (New York) |
| 1876 | Molly Maguires – Irish  Opposition: the Pinkerton (private organization that included strike breaking in the services it sold)  Outcome: 10 hanged | Mining – But the railroad wanted them blocked. | − | − | X (Pennsylvania) |
| 1877 | General Railroad Strike – PA, MD, West Va, Ohio  Opposition: state militia + President Hayes sent in federal troops | Railroad | − | X (Ohio; rioting in Chicago and St. Louis) | X (Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia) |
| 1882 | 1st Labor Day | − | − | − | − |
| 1885 | Knights of Labor – wins strike Jay Gould’s Railroad  But fails next 2. | Railroad | − | − | − |
| 1886-05 | Haymarket Square Massacre  Opposition: the police | − | − | X (Chicago, Illinois) | − |
| 1892-07-06 | Homestead Strike (PA) – Carnegie’s  Opposition: 300 Pinkertons + later state militia | Steel | − | − | X (Pennsylvania) |
| 1892-07-14 | Idaho: Coeur d’Alene silver mine strike  Method: Martial law  Opposition: federal troops | Mining | X (Idaho) | − | − |
| 1892-07-23 | Assassination attempt on H. Frick (Homestead mgr.) | − | − | − | − |
| 1894-03 – 1894-05 | “Legal Tender” Jacob Coxey’s Army – **petition** for road building (jobs) to Washington to be paid for by $500M in paper money. Opposition: the police  *Suggestion:* Search on the word petition in the Constitution study tool available in your course. | Unemployed | − | − | X (Washington, DC, the nation’s capital) |
| 1894-06 | Pullman Strike  American Railway Union Strike – E. V. Debs  Method to stop him: Federal injunction initially using Sherman Anti-trust. Opposition: strikebreakers hired by private business (railroad), 3400 special deputies by the federal Attorney General, 2,000 federal troops by Cleveland | Railroad, car manufacture | − | X (Chicago, Illinois) | − |

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