

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
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 <i>Suggestion:</i> 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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