

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

February 27

450 Woolworth's workers and customers occupy store for eight days in support of Waiters and Waitresses Union, Detroit - 1937

March 01

IWW strikes Portland, Ore. sawmills - 1907

March 02

Postal workers granted 8 hour day - 1913

U.S. Steel begins to bargain with CIO - 1937

March 03

U.S. Department of Labor created - 1913

The Davis-Bacon Act took effect today. It orders contractors on federally financed or assisted construction projects to pay wage rates equal to those prevailing in local construction trades - 1931

March 04

President Franklin D. Roosevelt names a woman, Frances Perkins, to be Secretary of Labor. Perkins became the first female cabinet member in U.S. history - 1933

March 05

United Shoe Workers of America merge with Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union - 1979