

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

March 06

Joe Hill's song "There Is Power In A Union" appears in "Little Red Song Book" - 1913

With the Great Depression underway, hundreds of thousands of unemployed workers demonstrated in some 30 cities and towns; close to 100,000 filled Union Square in New York City and were attacked by mounted police - 1930

March 07

3,000 unemployed autoworkers braved the cold in Dearborn, Mich. to demand jobs and relief from Henry Ford. The marchers got too close to the gate and were gassed. After re-grouping, they were sprayed with water and shot at. Four men died immediately - 1932

IWW founder and labor organizer Lucy Parsons dies - 1942

March 08

Thousands of New York needle trades workers demonstrate for higher wages, shorter workday, and end to child labor - 1908

The Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act took effect today. It limits the ability of federal judges to issue injunctions against workers and unions involved in labor disputes - 1932

March 11

Luddites smash 63 "labor saving" textile machines near Nottingham, England - 1811

March 12

IWW wins Lawrence, Mass. "Bread and Roses" textile strike - 1912

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