

# THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

## March 15

Supreme Court approves 8-Hour Act under threat of a national railway strike - 1917

Bituminous coal miners begin nationwide strike, demanding adoption of a pension plan - 1948

## March 17

Boeing Co. and the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA) come to terms on a new contract, settling the largest white-collar walkout in U.S. history. SPEEA represented some 22,000 workers, of whom 19,000 honored picket lines for 40 days - 2000

## March 18

Police evict retail clerks occupying N.Y. Woolworth's in fight for 40-hour week - 1937

The Post Office's first mass work stoppage in 195 years began in Brooklyn and Manhattan and spread to 210,000 of the nation's 750,000 postal employees. Mail service was virtually paralyzed in several cities, and President Nixon declared a state of emergency. A settlement came after two weeks - 1970