

# THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

## March 23

Trial of 101 Wobblies, charged with opposing the draft and hindering the war effort, begins in Chicago - 1918

Norris-La Guardia Act restricts injunctions against unions, bans yellow dog contracts - 1932

President Nixon orders 30,000 troops to New York City to break postal strike - 1970

Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) founded in Chicago by some 3,000 delegates from 58 unions and other organizations - 1974

## March 25

First “Poor People’s March” on Washington, in which jobless workers demanded creation of a public works program. Led by populist Jacob Coxey, the 500 to 1,000 unemployed protesters became known as “Coxey’s Army” - 1894

146 workers are killed in a fire at New York’s Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a disaster that would launch a national movement for safer working conditions - 1911