

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

April 17

The Supreme Court holds that a maximum hours law for New York bakery workers is unconstitutional under the due process clause of the 14th amendment - 1905

April 18

West Virginia coal miners strike, defend selves against National Guard - 1912

April 19

An American domestic terrorist's bomb destroys the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people, including dozens of federal employees - 1995

April 20

10,000 demonstrators celebrate textile workers' win of a 10-percent pay hike and grievance committees after a one-month strike, Lowell, Mass. - 1912

Ludlow massacre: Colorado state militia, using machine guns and fire, kill about 20 people—including 11 children—at a striker's tent city - 1914

Labor leader Walter Reuther is shot and seriously wounded by would-be assassins - 1948

April 23

Death of Ida Mae Stull, first woman coal miner - 1980

United Farm Workers of America founder Cesar Chavez dies - 1993

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