

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

May 22

Eugene V. Debs imprisoned for role in Pullman strike - 1895

Civil Service Retirement Act of 1920 gives federal workers a pension - 1920

May 23

U.S. Railroad strike starts, later crushed when President Truman threatens to draft strikers – 1946

May 25

Two company houses occupied by non-union coal miners were blown up and destroyed during a strike against the Glendale Gas & Coal Co. in Wheeling, W. Va. – 1925

May 26

Western Federation of Miners members strike for eight-hour day, Cripple Creek, Colo. – 1894

IWW Marine Transport Workers strike, Philadelphia – 1920

One hundred thousand steel workers and miners in mines owned by steel companies strike in seven states. The Memorial Day Massacre, in which ten strikers were killed by police at Republic Steel in Chicago, took place five days later, on May 31 - 1937

Battle of the Overpass, Ford thugs beat United Auto Workers organizers – 1937

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