

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

June 06

A general strike by some 12,000 autoworkers and others in Lansing, Mich. shuts down the city for a month in what was to become known as the city's "Labor Holiday." The strike was precipitated by the arrest of nine workers, including the wife of the auto workers local union president: the arrest left three children in the couple's home unattended - 1937

Labor Party founding convention opens in Cleveland, Ohio – 1996

June 07

Militia sent to Cripple Creek, Colo., to suppress Western Federation of Miners strike – 1904

Sole performance of Pageant of the Patterson Strike, created and performed by 1,000 mill workers from the silk industry strike, New York City – 1913

June 08

A battle between the Militia and striking miners at Dunnville, Colo. ended with six union members dead and 15 taken prisoner. Seventy-nine of the strikers were deported to Kansas two days later – 1904

June 10

Congress passes a law mandating equal pay to women who are performing the same jobs as men (Equal Pay Act) – 1963