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Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labor

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“Give men shorter hours in which to labor, and you give them more time to study and learn why bread is so scarce while wheat is so plenty.”

This quote would be meant to open the eyes of the hundreds of thousands of people I would lead to a better America. However let’s take it back a little bit. When I was 13 years old I worked as a railroad worker. I would then as a Machinist Apprentice from the age of 17 to 28. I saw the unfair work conditions that us workers had to put up with. So I would be elected in my hometown of Scranton and would serve for six years. Soon after I would become the Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labor.

When the movement started it had about 10,000 members. At its peak it would have about 700,000 members. We would mainly protest for 8 hour workdays versus the 12 hour work days. With so many of us United for better work conditions one could say “The most perfect government in which a injury to one is a concern to all.” Now as you could imagine it became extremely difficult to manage as so many opposing ideas on how to protest. While I advocated for peaceful protest many members didn't. It really didn't help because my opponents blamed me for the Haymarket Riot.

George Pullman was one of these opposing men, he would lay off workers and cut wages. He wouldn't even lower rents in his model town. Another one of these people was James Fisk, he would use bribery to manipulate government officials and use unethical business schemes. Andre Carnegie would also slash the wages of workers in turn making him wealthy.



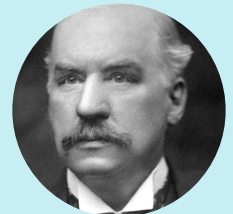
### Susan B. Anthony

Was a believer in woman’s rights, equal rights, labor



### Upton Sinclair

Exposed Unsanitary work conditions in the meat packing industry



### J.P Morgan

Reorganized railroads to make them more profitable

### BOOKS IVE WRITTEN

The Path I Trod

Thirty years of Labor

Labor Day Annual

### SPECIALITIES

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