

PAST STRIKES OF NOTE

1912: Two strikers were killed after immigrant workers protested pay cuts and poor conditions at the Everett Mills in Lawrence, Mass., leading to a congressional hearing and improvements.

1970: President Richard Nixon called in the National Guard to try to ship mail after 200,000 postal workers walked off their jobs for eight days. Most demands were met.

1981: In a major blow to the labor movement, President Ronald Reagan fired 11,000 striking air traffic controllers who wanted better conditions and a shorter workweek.