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A photograph taken during the 1912 Textile Workers' Strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts. This strike, known as the "Bread and Roses" strike, lasted more than two months and resulted from decreased wages for factory workers following the passing of a law that shortened the work week for women and children from 56 to 54 hours.

This strike was organized by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and consisted primarily of women, most of whom were immigrants. At the time, half of the 32,000 workers in Lawrence's textile mills were women aged 14 to 18. Many children under the age of 14 worked in the textile mills, as well.



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