

Workers Organize

The American Workforce

WORKERS

Many factory workers were European immigrants

Others were rural Americans

African Americans generally held lower-paying jobs as laborers or household help

Many industrial workers were children; By 1900 about one in six children ages 10 to 15 held a job outside the home.

WORKING
CONDITIONS

Often worked 12 to 16 hours a day--six days a week

Unhealthy conditions

No paid vacation

No sick leave

No compensation for workplace injuries, which were common