



"The American Beauty Rose can be produced in all its splendor only by sacrificing the early buds that grow up around it."

— John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Source: Guy R. Spencer, *The Literary Digest*, May 1905 (adapted)



Source: Herman Viola, *Why We Remember: United States History*, Addison-Wesley (adapted)

Political Cartoon #1  
 What is the meaning of this political cartoon?

Political Cartoon #2  
 What is the meaning of this political cartoon?

Draw your own political cartoon to represent the power of big business and captains of industry!

- How did the GOVERNMENT respond?
- 1) *Munn v. Illinois:*
  - 2) *Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway v. Illinois:*
  - 3) Interstate Commerce Commission:
  - 4) Sherman Antitrust Act:

## Document 4

Representatives of *The Harbinger* visited factories in Lowell, Massachusetts, and Manchester, New Hampshire. This is an excerpt from the magazine's report of its findings.

... The girls [in the Lowell Mills] attended upon an average three looms; many attended four, but this requires a very active person, and the most unremitting; [constant] care. However, a great many do it. Attention to two is as much as should be demanded of an operative. This gives us some idea of the application required during the thirteen hours of daily labor. The atmosphere of such a room cannot of course be pure; on the contrary, it is charged with cotton filaments and dust, which, we are told, are very injurious to the lungs.

On entering the room, although the day was warm, we remarked that the windows were down. We asked the reason, and a young woman answered very naively, and without seeming to be in the least aware that this privation of fresh air was anything else than perfectly natural, that "when the wind blew, the threads did not work well." After we had been in the room for fifteen or twenty minutes, we found ourselves, as did the persons who accompanied us, in quite a perspiration, produced by a certain moisture which we observed in the air, as well as by the heat...

Source: "The Female Workers of Lowell," *The Harbinger*, November 14, 1836

- 4 According to this document, what was **one** condition faced by factory workers in the Lowell Mills in the 1830s? [1]

Score

What was life like for workers?