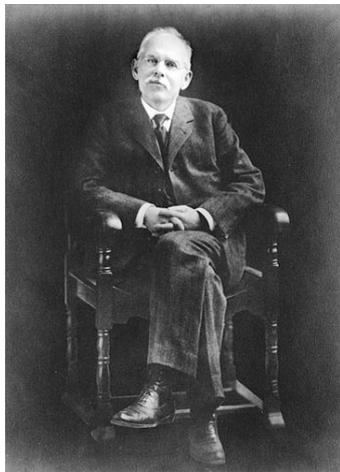


**Muckraker:** A journalist who exposed scandals and misconduct in public life.



Jacob Riis  
"How the Other Half Lives"



Upton Sinclair  
"The Jungle"

## Vocabulary

### Union

A labor union is an organization of workers formed for the purpose of advancing its members' interests, in respect to wages, benefits, and working conditions.

### Collective Bargaining

A way for unions to negotiate with management for workers as a group.

### Progressives

A political party made up of reformers with a belief in the good of all people.

### Settlement Houses

Community centers that provided day care for young children, education for the young and old, and classes to help immigrants assimilate.

## Progressive Presidents

### Theodore Roosevelt



-**Trustbuster** - a person who works to destroy monopolies and trusts. TR brought lawsuits against several large trusts and won!

-First president to side with strikers in a union dispute, the Pennsylvania coal miners. Forced mine owners to negotiate.

-**The Square Deal** - promised Americans that everyone should have the same opportunity to succeed. Promised to make changes in the working and living conditions faced by the poor.



-**Conservation** - protection of national resources. Formed the U.S. Forest Service and set aside thousands of acres for national parks.

## William Howard Taft



- Quiet and cautious
- Broke up even more trusts than TR
- Approved safety rules for mines
- Signed laws giving government workers the 8-hour work day
- Oversaw the creation of a federal office to make regulations controlling child labor
- Lost Progressive support by the end of his presidency because he raised tariffs (taxes) and modified conservation policies

## Woodrow Wilson

**-New Freedom:** Wanted to restore free competition among American corporations



**-Created the Federal Trade Commission:** had the power to investigate companies and order them to stop using unfair practices to destroy competitors

**-Clayton Antitrust Act:** banned some business practices that limited competition and stopped the laws from being used against unions.