

# *Milestones in Labor History*

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**1918** - Women trade unionists hold first national conference.

**1993** - President Clinton signs the Federal Employees Political Activities Act (Hatch Act Reform) which, for the first time in over 50 years, grants postal and federal workers the right to participate in partisan politics.

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**1879** - Birthdate of Joe Hill, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) organizer, songwriter, and poet.

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**1648** - Shoemakers of Boston, first labor organization in America founded.

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**1938** - National Association of Post Office Custodial Employees organized.

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**1940** - The 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.