# The Pullman Strike

The first Labor Day was observed in New York City on September 5, 1882. Although it wasn't a federal holiday, the event was organized by labor unions.

In 1894, American Railway Union railroad workers in Illinois went on strike against the Pullman factory in Chicago, bringing most of the transportation in the city to a standstill. The government sent in Army troops to restore order, which resulted in violence and the deaths of several workers. In an attempt to appease labor groups following this event, President Grover Cleveland declared Labor Day a federal holiday on June 28, 1894.

1. True or False: Labor Day was a federal holiday when it was first observed on September 5, 1882.

2. True or False: The Pullman Strike took place in New York City.

3. Which American president declared Labor Day a federal holiday?

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4. What happened during the Pullman strike?

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