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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

- alliance** an agreement between two or more countries, groups, or people to work together
- American Federation of Labor (AFL)** a national labor union consisting of skilled workers
- blacklist** a list of workers whom companies refuse to hire
- collective bargaining** a discussion between union leaders and employers about conditions of employment
- Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)** group that helped different industrial unions organize themselves
- Grange** an organization of farmers
- Granger Laws** laws to regulate big businesses and protect the farmers
- Knights of Labor** an early national union composed of skilled and unskilled workers
- labor unions** worker organizations
- new immigrants** immigrants to the United States from Southern and Eastern Europe during the industrial period

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- Populists** a political party whose aim was to improve life for all Americans, including farmers
- strike** when employees stop working in protest against a company
- surplus** an amount greater than what is used or needed; an excess amount
- tenements** old apartment buildings
- Wagner Act** law passed in 1935 which made it legal for workers to join labor unions
- yellow-dog contract** an agreement by workers not to join labor unions

Who's Who in Problems in Industrial America

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