

# The Pullman Strike :o

Pull man, c'mon!

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# What Was The Pullman Strike?

In between May 11 and July 20, 1894, a widespread railroad strike and boycott that disrupted the midwest's rail traffic severely.

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- The president of the company was George R. Pullman
- Due to the economic depression, the Pullman Palace Car Company cut the wages even lower than they already were by 25%
- They cut wages without lowering the price of rent
- Many families of workers faced starvation
- When workers tried to present grievances for low wages, Pullman would threaten to have them fired
- 35% of Pullman's workers were represented by the American Railway Union
- The ARU refused to handle and Pullman cars or trains with pullman cars attached
- The switchmen joined the ARU

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- By June 30, 125,000 workers went on strike across 29 different railroads
- Eugene V. Debs, the ARU's leader, urged the workers on strike to not result to violence