

1. How did labor unions try to address workplace issues?

Labor unions worked to improve working conditions. A major goal was higher pay. Labor leaders also fought for workers' compensation for workers injured on the job.

2. What did the Supreme Court decide in *Muller v. Oregon* and *Lochner v. New York*? What reasons did the court give for its ruling?

*Lochner v. New York*  
states cannot restrict rights of employers to enter any type of labor agreement (contract) they wished

*Muller v. Oregon*  
upheld state laws limiting women's working hours  
court stated that a woman's health is matter of public concern

*Muller v. Oregon* was first case progressives won using arguments based on economic and social evidence.

## **POLITICAL REFORM VOCABULARY**

**direct primary** - method of allowing voters to choose their own candidates for office

**mayor** - executive of a city

**city commission** - group of elected officials runs a city; each official manages a major city agency (housing, sanitation, transportation)

**initiative** - law enabling voters to propose a new law by collecting signatures on a petition

**17th Amendment** - allowed voters to directly vote for US Senators

**city managers** - appointed by city council; runs the city

**Galveston, TX** - after the hurricane in 1900, Galveston adopted the city commission form of city government

- emphasized efficiency and economy through the election of commissioners on city wide basis

**referendum** - measure allowing citizens to vote on proposed laws

**Wisconsin Idea** - Governor Robert La Follette's program of reforms for Wisconsin in the early 1900s; became a model for other state governments

- favored the direct primary, new state commissions, and tax reform
- reduce power of political machines

**recall** - measure allowing voters to remove an official from office before his or her term is over

**city council** - elected by voters; group of people that serves in an administrative capacity for a particular city; appoints a professional manager to run city



