

# WORKINGMEN

## READ AND PONDER

# COX OR WILLIS

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Which man, as Governor, has been the friend of the working men in Ohio? Read this and draw your own conclusion.

THE OHIO STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR HAS PUBLISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP A REPORT IN WHICH IS DETAILED THE LABOR LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF OHIO IN THE YEARS 1907 TO 1917, INCLUSIVE.

Below we have copied this publication insofar as it covers the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917.

In 1913 during the first year of Governor Cox some seventeen measures asked for by organized labor were enacted into law.

In 1914 during the second year of Governor Cox there were six such laws enacted.

IN 1915 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNOR WILLIS AND A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE OF ALL THE MEASURES ASKED FOR BY LABOR ONLY ONE WAS PASSED.

In 1916 there was no session of the General Assembly.

In 1917, the first year of Governor Cox's present term there were eighteen different laws passed which were asked for by the laboring men of the state.

## Cox's Labor Record

### 1913.

- "S. B. 8—Providing for three-fourths of a jury rendering verdicts in civil cases.
- S. B. 33—Extending age limit of membership in insurance societies to 70 years.
- S. B. 48—Known as Workman's Compensation Act.
- S. B. 132—Providing for wages twice in each calendar month.
- S. B. 137—Providing for the creation of an Industrial Commission to have supervision over all State departments relating to labor.
- H. B. 35—Providing the least number of men to be employed on switch engines.
- H. B. 49—Relating to the rights of action in case of death in a mine.
- H. B. 50—Relating to liability for wrongful injury or death and the enforcement of action therefor.
- H. B. 100—Providing for an eight-hour day on public works.
- S. B. 298—Relating to the construction and size of caboose cars.
- H. B. 111—Relating to safety appliances upon railway locomotives and cars.
- H. B. 145—Relating to the inspection of safety appliances upon railroad locomotives and cars.
- H. B. 163—Relative to the employment of females and regulating their hours of employment.
- H. B. 187—Relative to the reporting of certain occupational diseases.
- H. B. 272—Relative to eight hours' rest for interurban railway employees.
- H. B. 483—Providing for the prevention of occupational diseases, with special reference to lead poisoning.
- H. J. R. 38—Providing for the appointment by the Governor of a commission to investigate and report an equitable method of weighing coal at the mines.

### 1914.

- S. B. 6—Providing safeguards in connection with initiative, supplementary and referendum petitions.
  - S. B. 4—Relative to the age limit of females who are entitled to receive schooling certificates.
  - S. B. 5—Known as the Miners' Gross-Weight Bill.
  - H. B. 12—Relative to emergency supplies which are to be kept for use at the mines.
  - H. B. 44—To authorize the County Commissioners of any county to transfer funds for the purpose of providing a fund for the payment of mothers' pensions.
- School legislation based upon report of Ohio State School Survey Commission.

### 1917

- H. B. 1—Initiated bill to prevent the writing of Workmen's Compensation by Liability Insurance Companies.
- H. B. 89—Prohibiting running boards on street and interurban cars.
- H. B. 135—To prevent job selling.
- H. B. 144—Requiring street and electric railroads to provide seats for motormen and conductors.
- H. B. 159—Prohibiting employees of labor from interfering with the political activities of their employees and providing penalties for violation thereof.
- H. B. 309—Regulating the lowering and hoisting of persons in mines by vertical shaft of 50 feet or more, and requiring additional openings for egress from dangerous mines.
- H. B. 327—Woman's fifty-hour bill.
- H. B. 461—To create a commission to conduct a study of Health Insurance and Sickness Prevention, and of Old Age Insurance. Appropriation \$25,000.
- H. B. 506—To further define the powers, duties and jurisdiction of the State Industrial Commission, with reference to the collection, maintenance and disbursement of the State Insurance Fund for the benefit of injured and dependents of killed employees and requiring contributions thereto by employers.
- S. B. 35—Increasing maximum award under Compensation law to \$5,000.
- S. B. 56—Relating to the inspection of plumbing.
- S. B. 57—Authorizing the Industrial Commission to supervise power piping, refrigerating and hydraulic piping and heating and ventilating as safety measures.
- S. B. 69—Providing for additional compensation for medical, nurse and hospital services to be paid from the State Insurance Fund.
- H. J. R. 29—Directing the Ohio Board of Administration to prepare a supplementary budget increasing the compensation of employees in State institutions.
- H. B. 107—Providing that any public service corporation agent superintendent, or manager thereof, employing certain agents, detectives, or so-called spotters, shall before disciplining any employee upon a report by such special agent, detective or so-called spotters, give notice and accord a hearing to such employee upon his request therefor, and providing for the punishment for the violation thereof.
- H. B. 275—To compel common carriers to place lights on front and rear ends of all trains, part-trains, cuts of cars, caboose and locomotive while on main railroad tracks.
- S. B. 5—To provide automatic or foot-power fire doors on steam locomotive engines.
- S. B. 48—Providing for absent voting."

## Willis' Labor Record

### 1915.

- H. B. 499—Providing for vestibules on summer street and electric interurban cars.

This Bill was introduced by our present Mayor, Hon. Culla J. Smith, at that time a member of the Legislature from Butler County, and it was through his efforts that it was passed.

#### Abbreviations

- H. B.—Means House Bill.
- S. B.—Means Senate Bill.

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