Peter Rachleff, Co-Executive Director

The Pullman Strike

Professor Peter Rachleff, a Labour Historian, will give a lecture on George Pullmans' town of Pullman, Illinois where the Pullman Palace Car Company manufactured the Pullman Rail Car. The entire town was owned by Pullman who controlled the lives of the workers. This led to the workers joining Eugene V. Debs’ American Railway Union and a strike that extended to 27 states and territories. The strike was broken by the railroads with the help of President Grover Cleveland and Federal Troops.

Debs went to prison with the first successful application of the Sherman Antitrust Act. The Act was meant to curb corporate monopolies.

✓ Food and beverages will be provided. Bring your family and friends to learn about 292’s labor history.

✓ Our history display in the Business Office has many 292 items, to include monthly meeting pins, previous contracts and electrical books.

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