

Labor Day means so much more than a day off and a burger on the grill. Have you ever wondered about its origins?

Our national holiday honoring American workers has ties to a historic strike at Chicago's Pullman Palace Car Company. The Pullman Strike of 1894 was a violent clash between rail-car workers, angered by the loss of jobs and cuts in wages, and thousands of U.S. marshals and troops. Soon after the strike was settled, Congress passed legislation creating a national Labor Day holiday.

Now after two years of building support in the community and in Congress, a national park in Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood is closer than ever.

Please take a moment to show your support for Pullman by [sending a tweet](#) or [signing our petition](#) to President Obama asking him to make Pullman America's next national park... and Chicago's first!

Nearly 600 of the city's South Side residents and business owners recently joined National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis and Illinois elected officials to discuss the pathway for bringing Pullman into the National Park System. After hearing the enthusiastic crowd, Director Jarvis said he was ready to recommend an Antiquities Act designation at Pullman, which would make it our 402nd national park site.

This national park would attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, support hundreds of jobs, and generate tens of millions of dollars in local economic activity from visitor spending.

Take Action: Ask President Obama to help preserve and share more of America's stories by establishing a national park at Pullman! [Sign the petition](#) or [send a tweet](#).

Thank you for taking a moment to ensure America's stories continue to be told and preserved in our National Park System.

Sincerely,



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