

THE PROGRESSIVE ERA



TEDDY ROOSEVELT'S SQUARE DEAL

ROOSEVELT'S RISE

- ❖ Theodore Roosevelt has sickly childhood, drives self in athletics
- ❖ Is ambitious, rises through New York politics to become governor
- ❖ NY political bosses cannot control him, urge run for vice-president



THE MODERN PRESIDENCY

- ❖ President McKinley shot; Roosevelt becomes president at age 42
- ❖ His leadership, publicity campaigns help create modern presidency
- ❖ Supports federal government role when states do not solve problems
 - **Square Deal**: Roosevelt's progressive reforms



TRUSTBUSTING

- ❖ By 1900, trusts control about 4/5 of U. S. industries
- ❖ Roosevelt wants to curb trusts that hurt public interest
 - breaks up some trusts under Sherman Antitrust Act



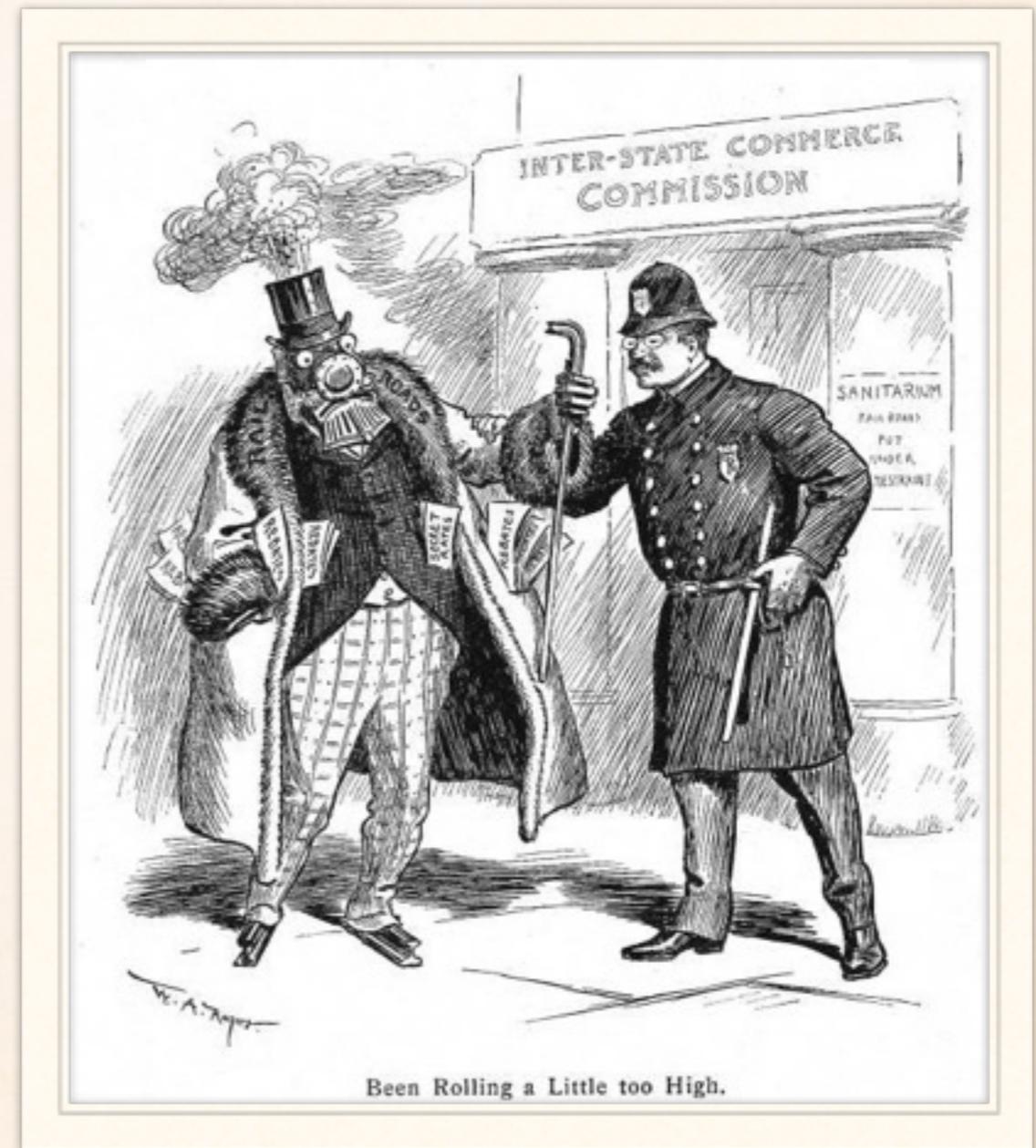
1902 COAL STRIKE

- ❖ Coal reserves low; forces miners, operators to accept arbitration
- ❖ Sets principle of federal intervention when strike threatens public



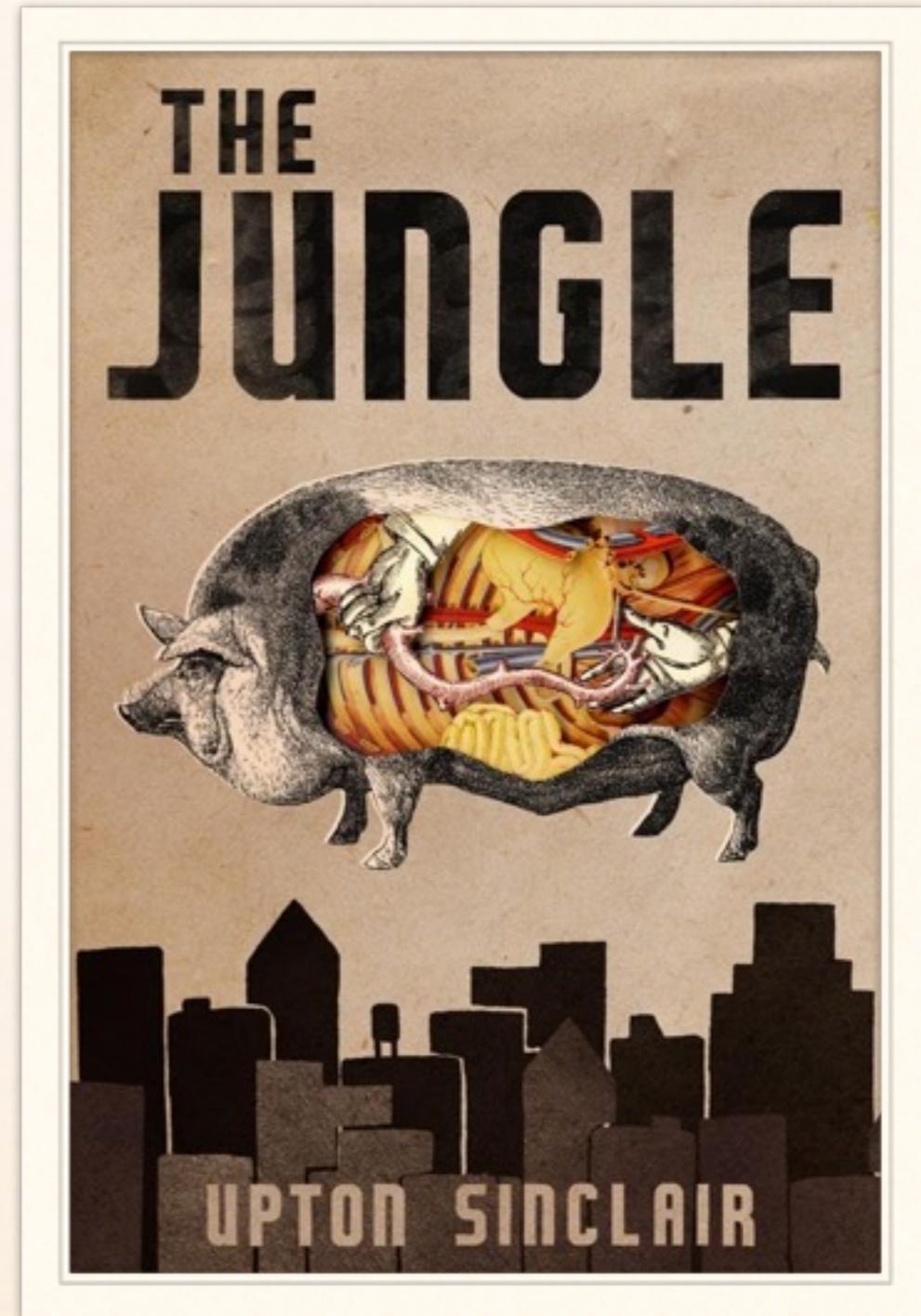
RAILROAD REGULATION

- ❖ Roosevelt pushes for federal regulation to control abuses
 - Elkins Act: stops rebates, sudden rate changes
 - Hepburn Act: limits passes, ICC to set maximum rates



REGULATING FOOD AND DRUGS

- ❖ Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*—
unsanitary conditions in
meatpacking
- ❖ Roosevelt commission
investigates, backs up Sinclair's
account
- ❖ Roosevelt pushes for Meat
Inspection Act:
 - dictates sanitary requirements
 - creates federal meat inspection
program



PURE FOOD & DRUG ACT

- ❖ Food, drug advertisements make false claims; medicines often unsafe
- ❖ **Pure Food and Drug Act** halts sale of contaminated food, medicine
 - requires truth in labeling



A NAUSEATING JOB, BUT IT MUST BE DONE
President Roosevelt takes hold of the investigating muck-rake himself in the packing-house scandal.

CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES



- ❖ 1887, U.S. Forest Bureau established, manages 45 million acres
- ❖ Private interests exploit natural environment

CONSERVATION MEASURES

- ❖ Roosevelt sets aside forest reserves, sanctuaries, national parks
- ❖ Believes **conservation** part preservation, part development for public



CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY

- ❖ Roosevelt does not support civil rights for African Americans
- ❖ Supports individual African Americans in civil service
 - invites Booker T. Washington to the White House
- ❖ **NAACP**: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
 - goal is full equality among races
- ❖ Founded 1909 by W.E.B. DuBois and black, white reformers

