

PROGRESSIVE INFLUENCE ON OKLAHOMA'S CONSTITUTION

*Shawnee Demand Included in
Oklahoma's Constitution*

*How the Demand Reflects the
Progressive and Labor Movements*

Legislative Demands	
<p>1. The initiative and referendum with the right of recall as adopted and applied in the state of Oregon.</p>	
<p>5. That the common law relieving the employer from liability [for] employees injured through the carelessness of a fellow [employee] be [done away with], and suitable laws be passed by the first legislature protecting employees under such conditions.</p>	
<p>7. Not more than eight hours shall constitute a day's work in all underground mines and on all works carried on by the state, county, or municipal government, and the legislature shall pass suitable laws to provide for the health and safety of employees in factories, mills, smelters, mines and on railroads.</p>	
<p>8. That there shall be three commissioners elected by the people to regulate and maintain rates for railroads, insurance, telegraph, express companies, telephone and pipelines, and all other corporations.</p>	

<p>12. A commissioner of labor to be elected by the people.</p> <p>13. A commissioner of agriculture to be elected by the people.</p> <p>16. We demand a corporate tax commission of three elected by the people, who shall have full power to inspect all accounts, vouchers, and books at any time, and put the true [estimate of worth] on all stocks, bonds, property, receipts, and money values, so that all corporations shall be assessed by the [properly] elected assessors.</p>	
Prohibitive Demands	
<p>1. The employment of children under sixteen years of age in mines, mills, and factories.</p>	
<p>5. Railroads from owning coal lands or leasing any kind of mines directly or indirectly.</p>	
<p>6. Any corporation from transacting business in the state without first [getting] a charter under the laws of the state.</p>	