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Sommario/riassunto	The author of this text documents the history of the labour movement's demand for "a living wage". The movement's response to wages shows how American workers negotiated the transition from artisan to consumer, opening political possibilities and creating contradictions which haunt them today.

