

TR and the Progressives

1901-1912



The New America

- ❖ 1800: 5 million people
- ❖ 1900: 76 million people

- ❖ Industrialization, immigration, urbanization

- ❖ The nation has failed to change swiftly enough

Progressive Movement

- ❖ Liberal reform movement in early late 1800's & early 1900's
- ❖ Fought negative consequences of industrialization
- ❖ Sought to reform Democracy, industry, and society

Muckrakers

- ❖ Journalists that exposed societal problems
- ❖ HD. Lloyd, Jacob Riis, Theodore Dreiser, Upton Sinclair
- ❖ Illuminated the downside of unfettered free markets
 - ❖ Trusts, monopolies, labor laws



Lincoln Steffens

- ❖ *The Shame of the Cities* (1902)
- ❖ Exposed connections between big business and local city governments



Ida Tarbell

- ❖ *History of the Standard Oil Company (1902)*
 - ❖ Exposed Rockefeller's business practices (shady doings)
- ❖ One of the first major female journalists



Upton Sinclair

- ❖ *The Jungle* (1906)
- ❖ Exposed the poverty and unsanitary conditions faced by city workers and immigrants



Political Reform

- ❖ Push for direct popular control
- ❖ Direct election of Senators (17th Amendment)
 - ❖ State houses no longer pick U.S. Senators
- ❖ **Initiative:** Citizens force public vote on a law
 - ❖ Propositions in California

Sen. Hiram Johnson (CA)



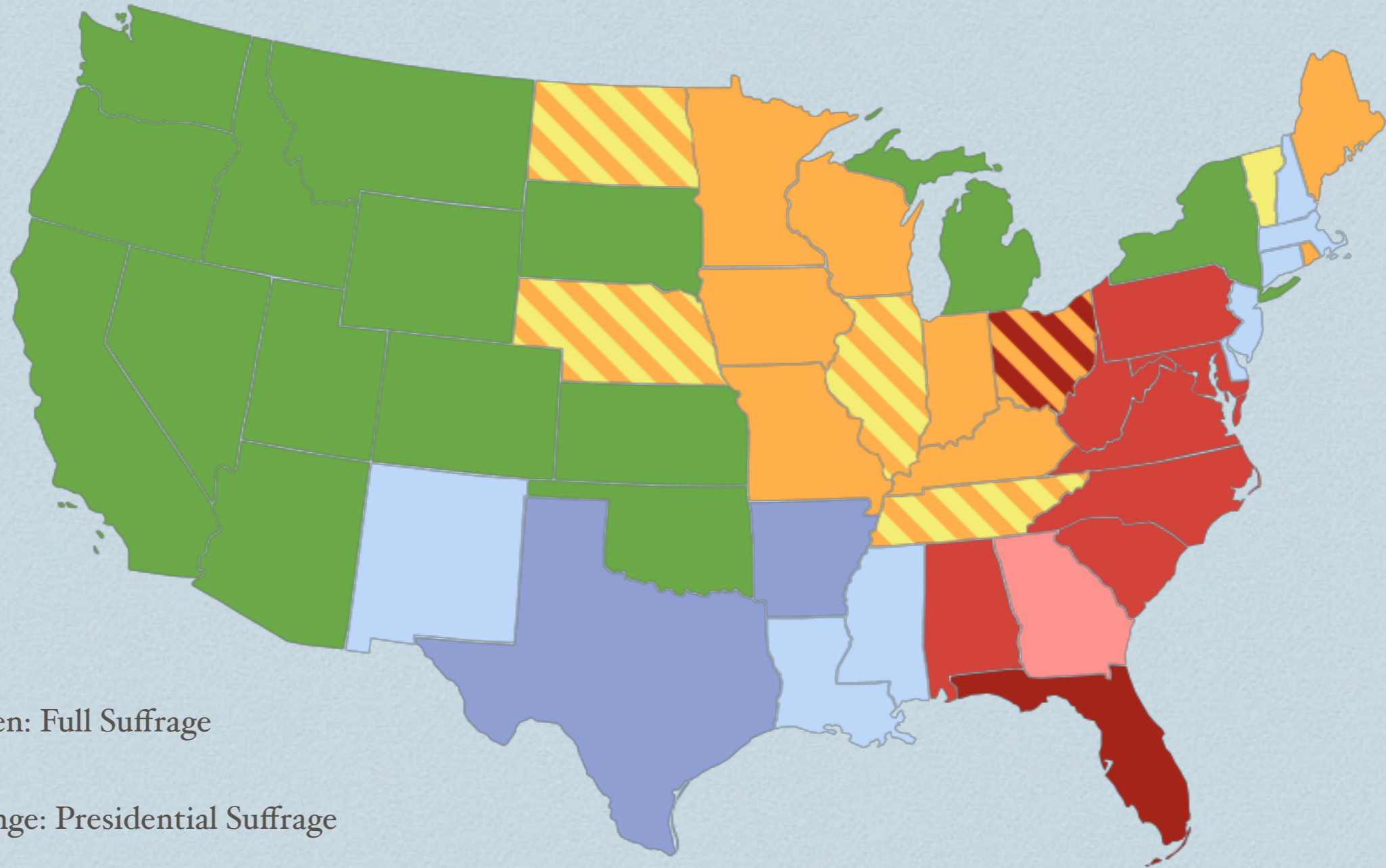
Sen. Robert LaFollette (WI)



Women's Suffrage

- ❖ Push for universal voting rights for women
 - ❖ Many states had already opened the vote

U.S. Before the Nineteenth Amendment



- ❖ Green: Full Suffrage
- ❖ Orange: Presidential Suffrage
- ❖ Red: Limited or no suffrage

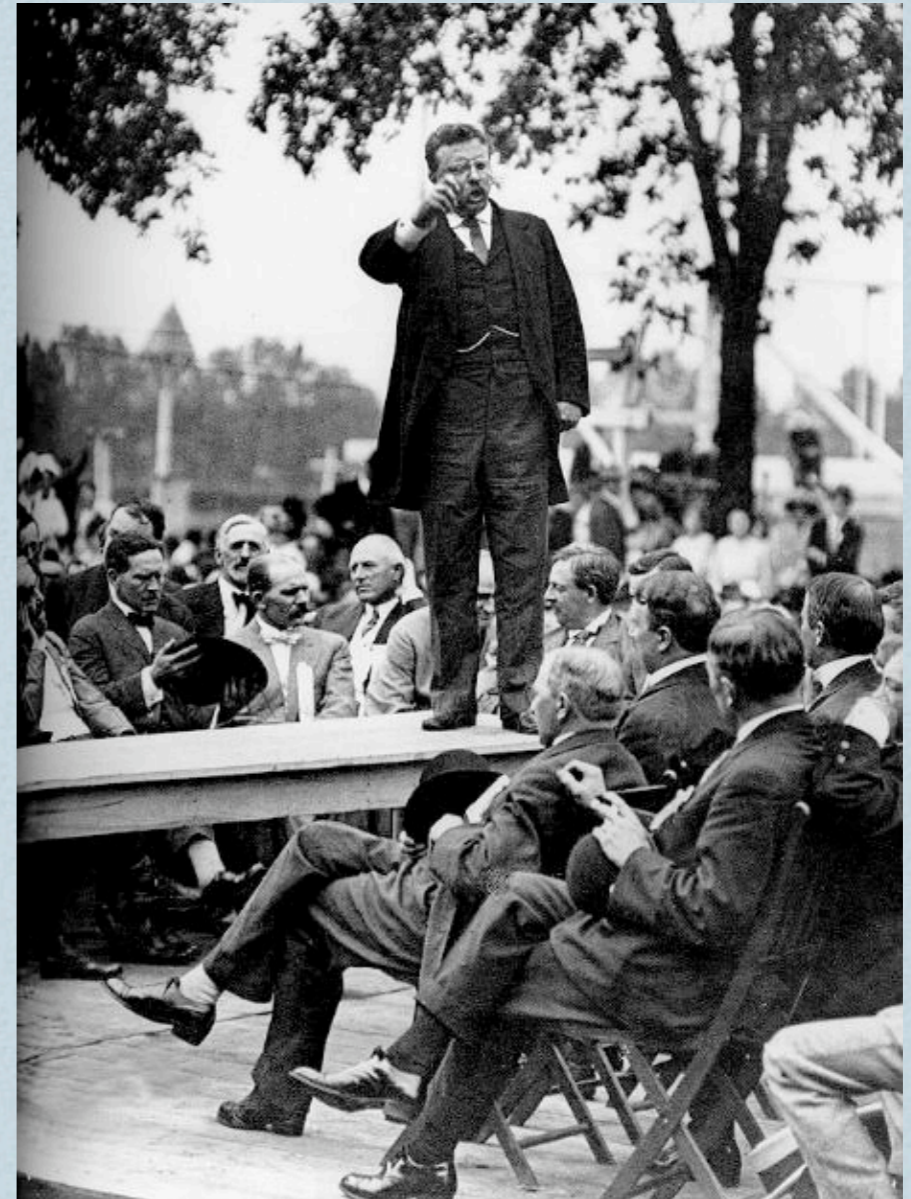
Social Reform

- ❖ Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)
 - ❖ Largest women's group in the world
 - ❖ Leads to 18th Amendment (Bans selling alcohol)

- ❖ *Lochner v. New York*
 - ❖ Limits work week for bakers in NY

TR's Square Deal

- ❖ Protect workers and consumers
- ❖ Control corporations
- ❖ Conserve natural resources

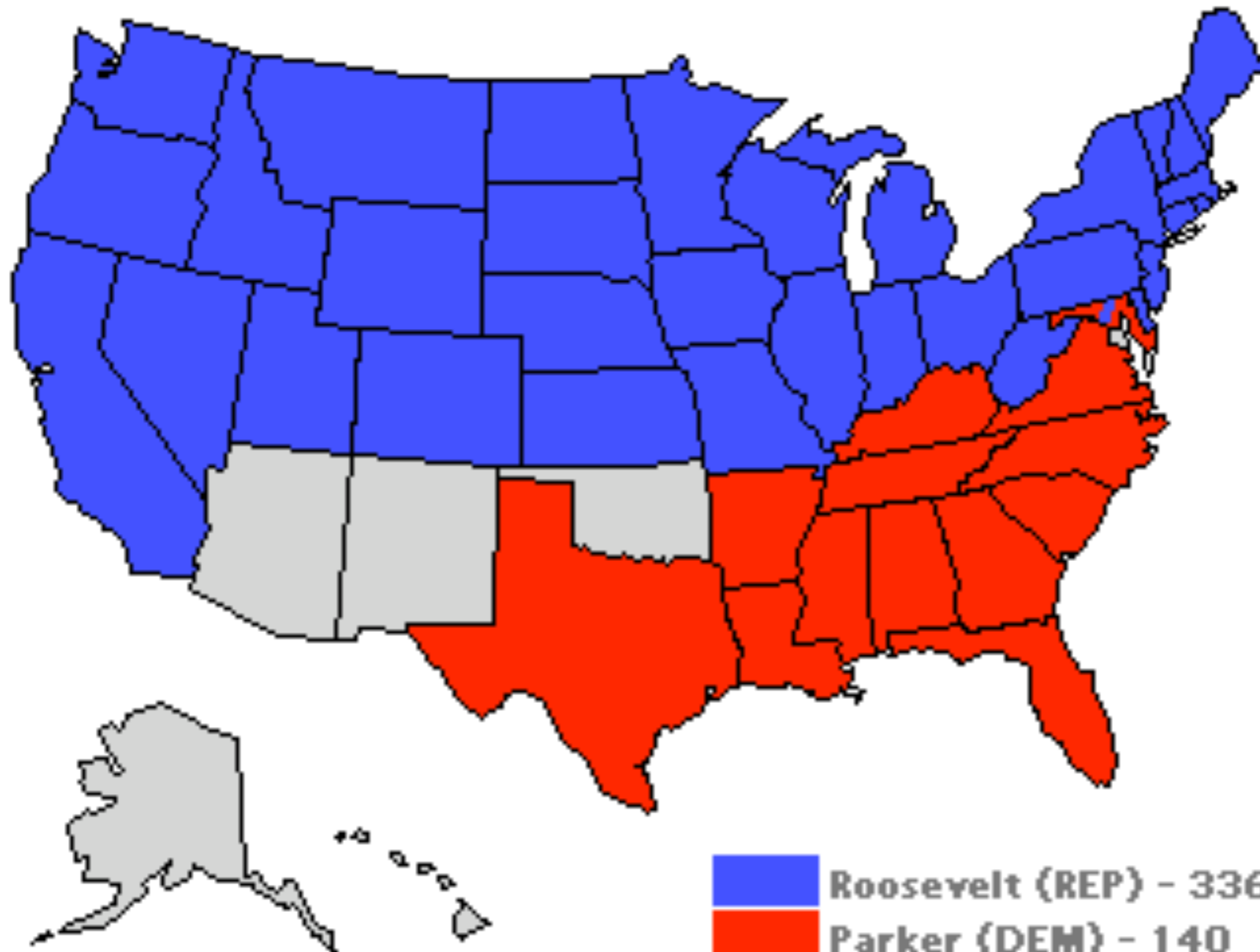


**TR Speaking to a Group of
Men From the Porch at
Sagamore Hill, 1916**

May 1916

Producer unknown

Election of 1904- TR in a Landslide



Roosevelt (REP) - 336
 Parker (DEM) - 140

1904		
AL	KY	ND
AK	LA	OH
AZ	ME	OK
AR	MD	OR
CA	MA	PA
CO	MI	RI
CT	MN	SC
DE	MS	SD
DC	MO	TN
FL	MT	TX
GA	NE	UT
HI	NV	VT
ID	NH	VA
IL	NJ	WA
IN	NM	WV
IA	NY	WI
KS	NC	WY

Mueller v. Oregon (1908)

- ❖ Limited the hourly work week for women
- ❖ Women's bodies couldn't handle the stress
- ❖ Sexist today, victory for women in early 1900's

Mueller v. Oregon (1908)

"That woman's physical structure and the performance of maternal functions place her at a disadvantage in the struggle for subsistence is obvious. This is especially true when the burdens of motherhood are upon her. Even when they are not, by abundant testimony of the medical fraternity continuance for a long time on her feet at work, repeating this from day to day, tends to injurious effects upon the body, and as healthy mothers are essential to vigorous offspring, the physical well-being of woman becomes an object of public interest and care in order to preserve the strength and vigor of the race." 208 U.S. at 412.

TR and Labor

- ❖ Resolves Penn. coal mine strike
 - ❖ Helps labor
- ❖ Creates Dept. of Labor
- ❖ Attacks aristocratic nature of business leaders

TR vs. Corporations

- ❖ Hepburn Act
 - ❖ Eliminates free railroad tickets (bribery)
- ❖ Meat Inspection Act / Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)
 - ❖ Cleaner food, safer medications
- ❖ Attacks bad trusts
 - ❖ Goes after JP Morgan

Supreme Court

- ❖ *Northern Securities v. U.S.*
 - ❖ Trusts made to stop competition are illegal
 - ❖ Strengthens Sherman Antitrust Act
 - ❖ Beats JP Morgan

- ❖ *Standard Oil v. U.S.*
 - ❖ Standard Oil monopoly is broken up into pieces
 - ❖ Beats John Rockefeller

“Teddy the Trust-Buster”



Roosevelt Leaves

- ❖ Upholds promise not to run again
- ❖ Picks William Howard Taft
- ❖ Taft defeats Bryan easily

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

- *Theodore Roosevelt*