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## EPISODE 1: ***Prodding Cattle***

Gurley Flynn (age 72) travels to Chicago to give a talk to university students. Gurley (age 14) learns the lessons of “class” from her parents. Thom Flynn insists on telling Gurley about Haywood’s exploits. We see Haywood becoming the driving force behind the miners’ union in Silver City, Idaho. Haywood’s union work increasingly distances him from his family.

## EPISODE 2: ***“Boys, Think of Yourselves as Minutemen.”***

Thom Flynn continues his story (which frequently morphs in and out of Gurley’s lecture). Haywood investigates the abuse of union miners under martial law declared by Iowa Gov. Steunenberg. Miners forcibly take over a mine in Telluride, Co. A mine fire kills 20 men. President McKinley is assassinated; Teddy Roosevelt becomes president. A massive coal strike threatens the nation. In Colorado, an anti-labor Republican becomes governor.

## EPISODE 3: ***Flag Day***

Haywood compels union miners throughout Colorado to engage in a massive solidarity strike to support smelter workers. Gen. Sherman Bell, a man of “Napoleonic proclivities” leads a violent and legally questionable offensive against the strikers. Haywood is charged with flag desecration, defends himself, and is acquitted. Haywood’s marriage is increasingly strained.

## EPISODE 4: ***A Confederacy of the Working Class***

In 1905, Haywood, Eugene Debs, Mother Jones, and others found the IWW. Gurley wins acclaim as a young debater and enjoys the intellectual company of her best friend, Fred. Joe Hill settles in San Francisco. A bomb explodes killing former Idaho governor Steunenberg.

## EPISODE 5: ***An East Side Joan of Arc***

Gurley grows in stature as a youthful socialist orator and joins the IWW. Haywood and others are implicated in Steunenberg’s assassination and are spirited away to Idaho to stand trial. Joe Hill falls in love with a prostitute who is killed in the San Francisco earthquake.

## EPISODE 6: ***The Trial of the Century***

Haywood is the first to go on trial in Idaho. Clarence Darrow leads his defense. Gurley rallies public support for Haywood through her inspiring oratory. Haywood is acquitted; his marriage disintegrates; he heads off to Europe. Gurley celebrates her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## EPISODE 7: ***Free Speech***

Gurley goes to the Minnesota iron fields to organize with Jack Jones and marries him on a whim. In Chicago, Gurley gives birth to a daughter who dies within hours. In 1910, IWW members wage a “free speech” fight in Spokane, Wash., where a very pregnant Gurley is arrested. Gurley savors the birth of a son she names Fred. Gurley’s marriage disintegrates.

## EPISODE 8: ***“... And Roses, Too!”***

In 1912, 25,000 immigrant workers strike the textile mills in Lawrence, Mass. Gurley takes on a leadership role when the two IWW organizers leading the strike are arrested. Gurley begins a relationship with Carlo Tresca, a married Italian anarchist. Haywood becomes the darling of Greenwich Village “salon society” with his tales of worker exploitation.

### EPISODE 9: ***The Pageant***

Wobblies join the rebellion of “Magonistas” in Mexico, which is crushed by U.S. troops. Gurley takes a leading role in a strike by 25,000 silk workers in Patterson, N.J. John Reed organizes a Madison Square Garden fundraising pageant featuring the strikers. Defying Jim Crow law, Haywood organizes black and white Louisiana lumbermen into the same union.

### EPISODE 10: ***“Don’t Mourn...”***

The IWW organizes migrant workers throughout the West. Joe Hill rides the rails, spreading the Wobbly message. Hill is found guilty of murder in Utah and sentenced to death. Gurley appeals to Woodrow Wilson to intervene on Hill’s behalf. Hill is executed by a firing squad. Wobbly opponents grow more brazen in their attacks. Wobblies are ambushed and killed in Everett, Wash. In Bisbee, Ariz., Wobblies are rounded-up and “deported” to New Mexico.

### EPISODE 11: ***Blood on the Range***

As Gurley’s relationship with Tresca ends, she travels to the Minnesota Iron Range to aid in struggles there. Haywood imposes a set of bureaucratic rules on the IWW, prompting Gurley to leave the union. The IWW takes a stand against U.S. entrance into World War I. The White House establishes a Committee on Public Information to “sell” the war. Ben Fletcher, a black Philadelphia dockworker, becomes a prominent leader within the IWW.

### EPISODE 12: ***The End of Nine Lives***

Hundreds of Wobbly leaders are arrested and go on trial for treason. They are all convicted. Wobblies in Centralia, Wash. are attacked and one of them is lynched. A psychologically devastated Haywood jumps bail and flees to the Soviet Union. Gurley (age 72) concludes her talk, telling her university audience: “Of my life, I have no regrets. For, I have truly known the fighting joy of living.”

