Southern Workers Assembly



The U.S. South is the least unionized region of the country, a bulwark of right to work and anti-labor laws. The region plays a unique role in shaping systemic racism and white supremacy in the U.S. – from slavery, to Jim Crow, to today. It is dominated by some of the most reactionary and backwards forces in the country. Nearly 60% of Black workers in the U.S. live in the South, and the region has the fastest growing population of migrant workers.

The impact of racist and anti-labor policies has been disastrous for workers here. We earn the lowest wages and have the highest levels of poverty, we have shorter life expectancy and lower access to quality health care, we often live in communities polluted by industrial waste and other toxic byproducts of production,

to name a few.

Some of the biggest U.S. corporations have taken note of these conditions and see an opportunity to make a profit on our backs. Facilitated by generous handouts from state governments, these companies have recently or have plans to open large operations in the South.

We know that the only way to change the quality of work and life here is to get organized. The Southern Workers Assembly is currently recruiting workers who want to be a part of leading this change, by getting jobs in key strategic industries across the region and digging in for the long-term to build power with their coworkers.

Apply to participate

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