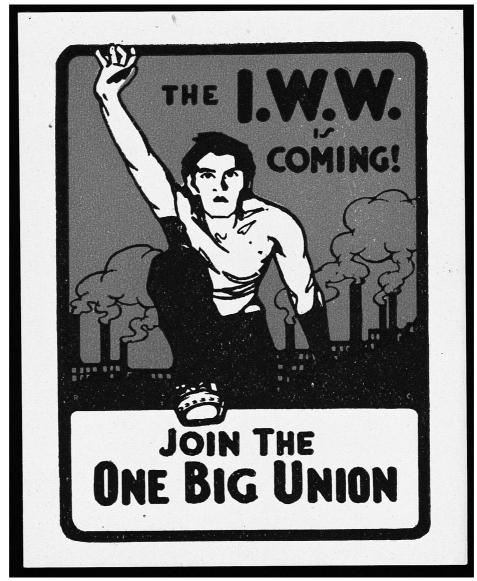
PRIMARY SOURCE Labor Poster

In 1905 radical unionists and socialists formed the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) to organize unskilled and semiskilled workers such as western miners, migrant farm workers, lumbermen, and some eastern textile workers. IWW members, known as Wobblies, pasted small posters like this one on fence posts or in railroad boxcars to call attention to their cause. What impression of the IWW do you get from this poster?



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Discussion Questions

- 1. What message do the images and slogans included in this poster convey to you?
- 2. What do you find most persuasive about this poster? Why?
- 3. Why do you think IWW posters were often called "silent agitators"?