

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

a PBS television event in conjunction with the
Workers' Compensation Centennial Commission

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FALL 2011



Workers at
International
Harvester's Milwaukee
Works, circa 1901.

Making History: Celebrating 100 Years of Workers' Compensation

Overview

This is a story that all Americans need to hear. It's a story that's never been told in a comprehensive way to a national TV audience. It's a story that began with immense human pain and suffering, transforming into a spirit of hope and compromise. It's about a legacy of cooperation and innovation. It's a story that continues to grow and evolve to this very day. It's time to make history again!

Americans are poised to celebrate 100 years of state workers' compensation laws which recognized society's responsibility to the workplace and established workers' compensation as the first form of social insurance in American history.

This compelling story, beginning with its roots in the Wisconsin Progressive Era, will be told through the artistic lens of five-time

Emmy Award-winning producer Steven Boettcher. In conjunction with the Workers' Compensation Centennial Commission, Mr. Boettcher is proposing to air a one-hour, national PBS documentary to honor the Workers' Compensation Centennial on Labor Day 2011.