

(New Deal) - Minimum Wage:

In 1912 the minimum wage law covering women and children in private employment was passed in Massachusetts. It was followed by eight different States in the next year. In 1915 Arkansas and Kansas passed it; in 1917 Arizona. Congress has passed a minimum wage law for the District of Columbia, North Dakota, Porto Rico and South Dakota and Texas. Seventeen different states passed the minimum wage law and two, Nebraska and Texas have repealed it. New York passed such a law just before Mr. Roosevelt took office. These Acts differ greatly; they started out with women and children, but most of them now include male minors. As to the flat rate they make the rate ^{flexible} on condition, that is put it up ^{the} to Legislature or to Commission. Public opinion has a great deal to do with the amount of the minimum wage. Certain of the laws have been tested before the Supreme Court and ^{on} the whole Court has been unfavorable in its decision. As a matter of fact, as I understand it, the law is enforced by various States quite regardless of what has been done in the Supreme Court.

Twenty-five years ago when making a Survey of the efforts of our industries to humanize and re-habilitate themselves I found the minimum wage under constant discussion among employers and many of them in favor of it, also other terms

