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US HISTORY #27-THE PROGRESSIVE ERA

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

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jungle	legislation	social	Taylorism	progressive

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