**WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND THE CASE?**

* **Eugune Debs was the president of the American Railway Union**
* **Led members of the Union to strike against the Pullman Company of Chicago**
* **This strike stopped interstate commerce and interfered with mail delivery west of Mississippi River**
* **Debs and other Union leaders refused to obey the court order**
* **Arrested and convicted of contempt of court**
* **Government’s use of junction against a labor strike**

**HOW DID THE SUPREME COURT RULE IN THE CASE?**

The Supreme Court ruled the federal government has the power to prevent forcible obstruction Unions of both interstate and mail delivery. The federal government has the responsibility to quote ensure the general public welfare of American citizens.

**NAME OF CASE**

In Re Debs

**YEAR OF CASE**

**1895**

**INVOLVED (ex. people, states, amendments, laws)**

Supreme Court, American Railway Union, Pullman Company, Eugune Debs, Supreme Court,

**WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE IN THIS CASE?**

Violating the terms of injunction by continuing to interfere with the railways.