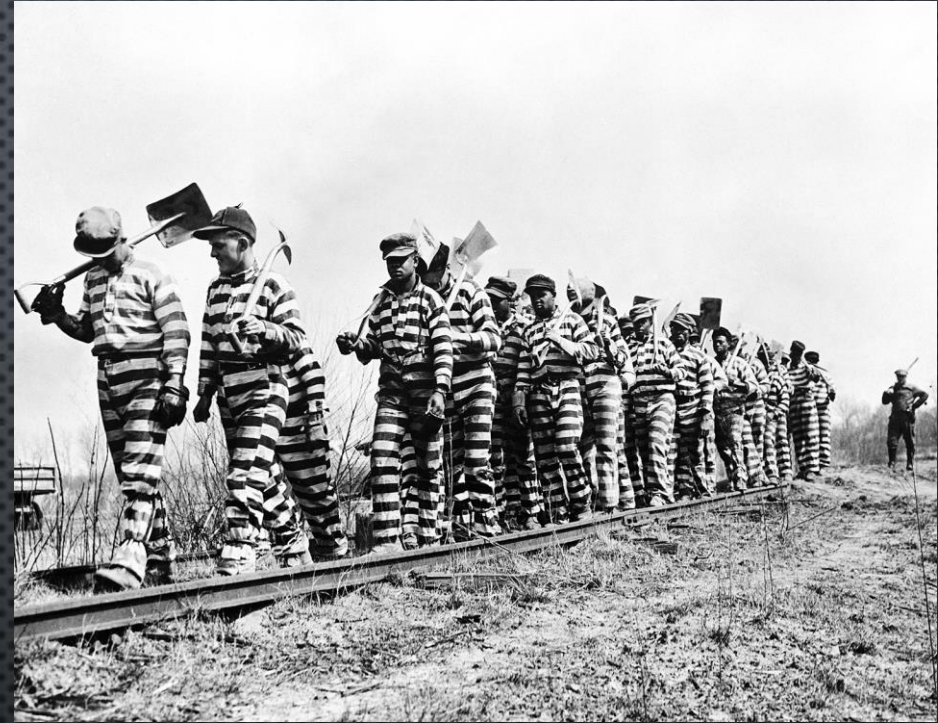


CHAIN GANG EXPANSION

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(1908-1911)

Chain Gang in its most basic form, is the act of chaining prisoners together (primarily African American) and forcing them to physical labor as a form of punishment that started in 1908. They were originally formed to solve the issue of the expenses for housing and care from the abolishment that would come from convict leasing. The primary jobs of these prisoners were to work on roads or farms all while having the inconvenience of being chained at the ankles to one another. The roads in the south were especially poor and unmanaged so while they helped the general community it was a very immoral way to go about it. Moreover, it was physically demanding, little to no accommodations, rarely fed properly, and work conditions were often dangerous if exposed for too long. Many of these prisoners suffered from infections, ulcers, and other health related issues.



This is a photo of what daily life for these men would look like.

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