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The Industrial Revolution changed the world. From the steam engine to the mass production of goods within cities, the pace of progress has led to more and more families migrating to the city for a working lifestyle. Opportunities within factories and mills provide jobs for everyone and progression continued to skyrocket throughout the 19th century. With more congestion formulating within the cities, more opportunities for production begin to arise. The challenges that come with this are the factors that would do more harm than good. Understanding how far we've come in regard to safety and health protocols, it is important that we can remind ourselves why these laws remain the way that they are to this day.

The people who had testified were young adults - speaking on account of their childhood experiences that put them in long hours at the factory or mill as a child. Their testimonies describe the treacherous conditions that would leave them in the job sites for long hours, exceeding twelve hours, daily. Not only were the hours long, but the break time for meals was short and inhumane in how they are treated. Having no appetite to properly feed themselves, these young children were left with no choice but to skip their meals and have them thrown to the pigs if forgotten. Being beaten if they were late or caused mistakes, they end the day with a long trip home, potentially coming home with no meal or even time with their family. Going to bed soon after, they wake up early in order to repeat it all over again. It is important to acknowledge what took place as a change was made due to the harsh conditions of this era.