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# Unionizing the Jungles

**Labor and  
Community  
in the  
Twentieth-  
Century  
Meatpacking  
Industry**

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