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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

BUREAU OF STATISTICS OF LABOR OF LOUISIANA.

BATON ROUGE, LA.

*To His Excellency, Newton C. Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana:*

SIR:—In conformity with the provisions of Act No. 79 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the session of 1900, I have the honor to transmit to you the Fourth Biennial Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor of Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. LEE,  
*Commissioner.*

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## INTRODUCTORY.

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The Law which established the Bureau of Statistics of Labor for the State of Louisiana was passed in 1900. It was presented as a labor measure and its passage was urged by the labor organizations of the State, assisted by representatives appointed by the American Federation of Labor.

The law creating the Bureau sets forth that the duties of the Commissioner shall be to collect, assort, systematize and present to the Governor, annually, statistical details relating to all departments of labor in the State, especially in relation to the commercial, industrial, social and sanitary condition of the working men and to the productive industries of the State.

Under the provisions of this law, as can readily be seen, the field of operation allotted to it is an extensive one; more so than any other department of the State government, and if operated in accordance with the spirit of the law quoted above, with ample means at its disposal, its usefulness would be unlimited.

Earnest efforts have been made at every session of the Legislature since this Bureau was created, to extend and enlarge the powers of the Commissioner. But they have failed. The Legislature of 1906 reduced the appropriation of \$1,000 per annum for office expenses to \$500 per annum, thereby seriously hampering this Bureau in its work of investigation.

I trust that the present General Assembly will not lose sight of the fact that this department was created as a Bureau of Labor, and that its every effort should be expended in the interests of the laboring people of this State, organized or unorganized.

In this, the Fourth Biennial Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, I shall again request the enactment of laws empowering the Commissioner of Labor, or his deputy, to inspect factories, mills, workshops, stores and all manufacturing establishments where labor may be employed, for the purpose of more fully carrying out the objects for which the Bureau was created.



## LABOR LAWS OF 1906

### CHAPTER I.

LABOR LEGISLATION IN 1906. Several important statutes relating to the interests of labor were enacted at the session of the General Assembly of 1906.

They are as follows:

Act No. 5—By Mr. Thom. To prevent the sale or assignment of salary or wages previous to the same being earned.

Act No. 13—By Mr. Hughes. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State providing for male or female factory inspectors throughout the State.

Act No. 24—By Mr. Echezabel (by request). Empowering cities and towns having a population of not less than fifty thousand to regulate or prohibit the opening and closing of barber shops on Sunday.

Act No. 34—By Mr. Hughes. To regulate the employment of children, young persons and women in certain cases in cities and towns of the State having a population of ten thousand or more persons.

Act No. 134—By Mr. Favrot. Relative to building contracts, providing for the bond to be given therein for the protection of the owner, sub-contractor, workman, laborers, mechanics and furnishers of materials, and for the recording of same, and the proceedings to be had thereunder.

#### ACT No. 5.

BY MR. THOM.

HOUSE BILL No. 51.

#### AN ACT

To provide that no sale, transfer or assignment of salary or wages previous to the same being earned shall be valid insofar as the employer is concerned, unless the said employer consents in writing to said sale, transfer or assignment.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That no sale, transfer or assignment of salary or wages of an employee to be earned in the future, that is, subsequent to the date of said sale, transfer or assignment, shall be valid or binding upon the employer unless the said employer shall consent to the same in writing.