

Let Them Work
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*"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime
whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the
United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction."*

13th Amendment United States Constitution

Today, I went to work holding my own chain

I work, but I don't get paid

I work, but I don't choose my job

I work, but I cannot vote

I work, but I better not protest

Today, I went to work holding my own chain

If I'm sick, I work

If it rains, I work

Extreme heat, extreme cold, I work

When no one else shows up, I work

Today, I went to work holding my own chain

I work to grow and cook my own food, but I don't choose what I eat

I work to make and wash my clothes, but I don't choose what I wear

I work so the toilets flush and the lights stay on, but it's not my home

I work so they don't have to, but I don't want to

Today, I went to work holding my own chain

I let go; let them work