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May 1-9 2016. May Day Strike.
Free Alabama Movement calls a work stoppage in solidarity with Texas prisoners. An $800 million “mega-prison” DOC expansion scheme dies on the state assembly floor because of attention generated by the strike action.

Thirty prisoners refuse food, demanding release from Administrative Confinement. The DOC tortures strikers with forced feedings. LaRon McKinley and Cesar DeLeon hold out for hundreds of days, before finally receiving transfers.

Tens of thousands of prisoners across the country answer the call to refuse work. Many stage protests and tear up facilities. Outside supporters turn out with large solidarity demos, blockades and actions in the streets.

Prisoners take control of and destroy a cell block when guards refuse to allow them access to showers. DOC officials describe them as “getting ready for war”. The riot ends only after police flood the unit with pepper spray.

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Juveniles confined at notorious Lincoln Hills facility in northern Wisconsin refuse orders, gain access to the roof, order pizzas and do back flips in defiance of abusive staff. Months later, a bill finally passes closing the facility down.

Aug 8 2017. NWDC Hunger Strike.
The fourth in a series of mass hunger strikes against ICE at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, WA since 2014. Solidarity protests outside the facility raise awareness of the national ICE detention center crisis.

Jailhouse Lawyers Speak organize a march on Washington. Florida and South Carolina DOC’s lock-down their entire states to prevent prisoner participation, effecting over 100,000 prisoners.

Over 400 prisoners engage in a massive riot, flipping vehicles and fighting guards with home-made weapons. They cause over $80,000 worth of damage to the facility that holds them captive.

Florida prisoners call for a strike starting on MLK Jr day. Dozens are sent, preemptively, to solitary confinement. Outside supporters stage solidarity demos and put up 200 anti-slavery yard signs in prison communities.

Prisoners at Angola, a prison built on a former slave barracks, organize a spontaneous work stoppage after a fight with guards. Over 100 prisoners participate and they release a list of demands.

A prisoner sit-down strike escalates into a full blown riot where they hot-wire forklifts to tear down walls and access a vast factory area. There, they destroy the machines that they’re normally forced to work on.
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