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Table 1. Comparison of Cotton Textile Strike Statistics for the Bombay Presidency, England, and the United States.

<i>Region</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Mills</i>	<i>Workers</i>	<i>Strikers/ Year/Mill</i>	<i>Strikes/ Year/ Laborer</i>	<i>Strike Days/ Year/Laborer</i>	<i>Avg. Days</i>	<i>Median Days</i>	<i>Avg. Participation</i>	<i>Median Participation</i>	<i>% Success</i>
Presidency	1921-1938	197	244,875	0.28	0.41	22.96	9.9	5	46%	30%	32%
Bombay	1921-1938	73	130,308	0.33	0.59	38.06	11.4	6	52%	40%	30%
Ahmedabad	1921-1938	68	64,235	0.34	0.25	5.16	5.9	3	34%	26%	34%
Elsewhere (upcountry)	1921-1938	56	50,332	0.15	0.17	6.60	16.8	8	59%	71%	33%
England	1889-1900	2,538	528,795	0.03	0.04	0.82	21.3	5	98%	100%	66%
England	1921-1938		1,084,567		0.09	1.77					
United States	1881-1894	830.5	198,122	0.03	0.04	1.39	17.1	7	41%	20%	33%
Massachusetts	1881-1894	181	69,029	0.07	0.06	1.70	13.8	5	33%	10%	38%
United States	1927-1938		396,995		0.10	2.36					

Notes: Strike participation is the percentage of the mill's labor force joining the strike. % success is the percentage of strikes ending in either a labor victory or a compromise.

Sources: See text.

Table 4. Descriptive Statistics: Annual Series of Days Lost to Strikes per Worker for the Bombay Presidency, England, and the United States.

<i>Years</i>	<i>G.B. Days Lost/Worker</i>	<i>U.S. Days Lost/Worker</i>	<i>Bombay Presidency Days Lost/Worker</i>	<i>Bombay City Days Lost/Worker</i>	<i>Upcountry Bombay Days Lost/Worker</i>	<i>G.B. Strikers/ Workers</i>	<i>U.S. Strikers/ Workers</i>	<i>Bombay Presidency Strikers/ Workers</i>	<i>Bombay City Strikers/ Workers</i>	<i>Upcountry Bombay Strikers/ Workers</i>
<i>1921-38</i>										
Average	1.77	2.36	24.15	39.16	6.11	0.09	0.10	0.36	0.59	0.23
Median	0.17	1.05	4.83	3.32	3.26	0.02	0.04	0.33	0.31	0.17
Max	7.38	9.25	132.68	225.10	34.29	0.40	0.73	1.30	2.13	0.61
Min	0.03	0.29	0.55	0.63	0.27	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.06
<i>Late Nineteenth Century</i>										
Average	1.61	1.64				0.03	0.06			
Median	0.68	0.55				0.03	0.03			
Max	7.09	9.80				0.06	0.26			
Min	0.26	0.09				0.02	0.01			

Note: The U.S. series is approximated by Massachusetts for the late nineteenth century.

Sources: See text.