LOOKING SOUTH

Race, Gender, and the Transformation of Labor from Reconstruction to Globalization

Mary E. Frederickson

Foreword by Stanley Harrold and Randall M. Miller

University Press of Florida
Gainesville • Tallahassee • Tampa • Boca Raton
Pensacola • Orlando • Miami • Jacksonville • Ft. Myers • Sarasota
Contents

List of Figures ix
Foreword xi
Preface xv
Acknowledgments xix
Introduction: Labor Transformation and Networks of Resistance 1

Part I. Claiming Freedom
1. Labor, Race, and Homer Plessy’s Freedom Claim 11
2. Transformation and Resistance: A War of Images in the Post-Plessy South 35

Part II. Women and Dissent
3. “I Got So Mad, I Just Had to Get Something off My Chest”: The Contested Terrain of Women’s Organizations in the American South 81
4. Beyond Heroines and Girl Strikers: Gender and Organized Labor in the South 112

Part III. Labor Rights to Civil Rights
5. Labor Looks South: Theory and Practice in Southern Textile Organizing 137
6. “Living in Two Worlds”: Civil Rights and Southern Textiles 157

Part IV. From the New South to the Global South
7. Transformation and Resistance in the Nueva New South 183
8. Back to the Future: Mapping Workers across the Global South  214
Coda: Southern Workers on the World Stage  247

Notes  251
Bibliography  279
Index  297