

the Dominican Republic for American Sugar interests in 1916. I helped Honduras "right" for American fruit companies in 1903. Looking on it, I might have given Al Capone a few hints"

3. Persecution of dissenters or Civil Liberties of Americans?

Espionage Act of 1917 & Alien Sedition Acts of 1918

- With the help of the Postmaster General Wilson used his new censorship powers to block mail that was socialist, anti-British, Pro-Irish or anything in his view threatening the war effort.
- Further Wilson vetoed a bill to abolish the Acts!

4. Racism and Wilson

- President of Princeton and the university would not admit blacks.
- Overwhelming Black votes for his presidency
- Many blacks were postmasters in black communities and he would not appoint blacks to these jobs
- outspoken white supremacist (He told "darky" stories at cabinet meetings), and his wife was worse. Wilson would try to curtail the civil rights of African-Americans but congress would not pass such legislation.
- Appointed whites for jobs designated for blacks
- Wilson helped to make the Democratic Party segregated until the 1950's
- In *Land of Promise*: Wilson ordered all Blacks and Whites segregated in Federal employment and all protesters of decision were fired.
- After Wilson's presidency Americans had a large surge of racism!
- 100 race riots during Wilson Administration, Tulsa Oklahoma 1921 (New Book)