

Technology

⊛ Railroads → link to Govt policy — land grants — settlement
— laws in response to abuses (specifics)

- ⊙ Farmers Alliances + Granger laws
 - ⊙ Ship goods (safety valve?)
- should provide specific examples of abuses → farmer's response → gov't response
(DOC C) (DOC B)

→ RR make cattle industry possible [Tech = barbed wire??] (DOC F)

⊛ New farm tools (examples: thrashers, reapers, etc) (DOC D)

⊙ Result: OVERPRODUCTION (deflation)
⊙ should discuss the currency debate

- ⊙ warehouses + co-ops
- ⊙ Farmers Alliances + Granger laws
- ⊙ Farmers to grow crops on land not suitable (leads to dust bowl)

⊛ Dryfarming

Economic Conditions

(much can be linked to gov't policy)

⊛ MOST IMPORTANT: deflation + debt

- overproduction
- Coinage Act '73, Panic '73 (currency debate)
- ⊙ again, Farmers Alliances + Granger laws ⇒ POPULISM

⊛ Need for land → Indian Wars (another link to Gov't policy) (DOC I)

⊛ Southern problems

⊙ Exodusters

slave labor sys gone → sharecropping for former slaves (mention New South?) (DOC E)

