Required Readings:

Brownlee, W. E., *Dynamics of Ascent*
McCraw, Thomas, *Prophets of Regulation*
Porter, Glenn, *The Rise of Big Business*
Temin, Peter, *Lessons from the Great Depression*
Wright, Gavin, *Old South, New South*

and two rather short readings on reserve at the State Historical Society

Lecture Topics:

Sept.  3  The American Economy After the Civil War

          8  Agriculture: Late Nineteenth Century Trends
          10 Farm-making in the Midwest
              Read: Wright, *Old South, New South*, pp. 3-123;
                    Brownlee, *Dynamics of Ascent*, pp. 338-44.

          13 Farm Discontent
          15 Railroads and Economic Growth
          17 Railroads and Institutional Development

          20 Accelerating Industrialization
          22 The Age of Steel
          24 The Strategies of Big Business

          27 The Urge to Merge
          29 The World's Leading Manufacturing Nation

Oct.  1  Demographic Trends

          4 The Labor Force
          6 The Dynamics of Discrimination
          8 Income Inequality
              Read: William Lazonick, "Technological Change and the Control of Work," in
                     Howard R. Gospel and Craig Littler, *Managerial Strategies and Industrial
                     Relations*, pp. 110-36;
                     Brownlee, *Dynamics of Ascent*, pp. 319-47.
11 Public Policy Issues
13 The Beginnings of Federal Regulation
15 Antitrust
    Read: McCraw, *Prophets of Regulation*, pp. 1-152;

18 The Origins of Big Government
20 First Hour Exam
22 World War I
    Read: Brownlee, *Dynamics of Ascent*, pp. 363-82.

25 The 1920s: I
27 The 1920s: II
29 The Onset of the Great Depression
    Read: Temin, *Lessons from the Great Depression*, pp. 1-87;

Nov. 1 The First New Deal
3 The Second New Deal
5 World War II
    Read: Temin, *Lessons from the Great Depression*, pp. 89-137;
    McCraw, *Prophets of Regulation*, pp. 153-209;

8 The Cold War and the American Economy
10 American Technology Triumphant
12 The American Century
    Read: Wright, *Old South, New South*, pp. 198-274.

15 The Triumph of Keynesian Economics
17 LBJ and the Great Society
19 Second Hour Exam

22 The Third Wave of Regulation
24 The 1970s

29 Reaganomics
Dec. 1 The Automobile Industry in the Postwar Era
3 Still Bigger Business: Mergers and Multinationals

6 About Face: The Retreat from Giantism
8 Farmers and Workers in the 1970s and 1980s
10 The New Inequality?

13 Is the United States Competitive?
15 Review