

THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER 1745-1845

The right to protest

Before 1800, many factory workers showed little interest in politics. This was mainly because times were good they did not feel there was anything to complain about.

However by 1815, some workers were beginning to realise that there could be no permanent real improvement in their lives unless they had a voice in Parliament.

The workers began to ask for improvements from a government that they felt was a rich man's club who only looked after their own interests.

The rich and the government were not keen on the idea of reform and were very afraid of protests that they thought might lead to revolution.