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The New Deal was put in place immediately after the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 as president of the United States. The early 1930s were still in the great depression mood of the late 1920s, and some hoped that this New Deal would help eradicate the issue. The New Deal was able to end the great depression by getting jobs for more than eight million Americans through building projects such as airports and bridges (Mitchell, 2017). It focused on reforming bank laws, agricultural relief programs and work relief programs. These new reforms put in place encouraged labor movements that further promoted the purchasing power of millions of Americans and wage growth. For instance, it rescued farmers from the foreclosure of their farms and offered direct relief to the poor. By 1935, the number of working Americans rose to twenty-seven million Americans.

New Deal politics went through a phase where funds were insufficient and funding for some projects and policies that were created to boost the failing economy caused by the great depression. Some projects had to be stopped after being useful for a short while due to lack of funds (Fishback & Kachanovskaya, 2016). Although, the New Deal regulated many economic sectors such as agriculture while in the progressive era politics, there was little trust among business people. Because the progressive era was from the late 19th to early 20th century, their growth was influenced by the industrial revolution. In contrast, New Deal politics were influenced by reforming, relief and recovery by giving people jobs, providing a roof over their heads, and food (Rothbard, 2017). In that, the progressive era was a time for seeking new adventures while the New Deal politics were there to help rebuild the United States after the great depression.

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