LOUISIANA

CHILD LABOR LAW

Minimum Age for Employment
There is a 14 year age limit for work in any occupation.

School Attendance
In New Orleans attendance is compulsory for the entire session for all children 8 to 16 years unless they have completed the elementary school course, and unless 14 and employed.
Outside of New Orleans attendance is compulsory for 140 days (full time, if term is less than 140 days) for all children 7 to 14 unless they have completed the elementary school course, and unless their services are needed for support of a widowed mother.
The minimum length of the school term prescribed by law is 7 months.
There is no continuation school law.

Weakness
The poverty exemption outside of New Orleans is a weakness.

Hours of Work
There is an 8 hour day and 48 hour week for children under 16.
There is a 10 hour day and 60 hour week for persons 16 to 18 years.

Weakness
A 6 day week should be specified for children under 16 years.

Night Work
Boys under 16 and girls under 18 may not work before 6 a.m. or after 7 p.m., except on Saturday night in mercantile establishments employing more than 5 persons.

Weakness
There should be no exemption for children under 16 years.

Work Permits
Permits are required for all children 14 to 16 years. These are issued by the factory inspectors in the parish of New Orleans and elsewhere by the school authorities upon (1) employer's promise of work (2) proof of age (3) certificate of physical fitness from parish health officer or public school physician.

Weakness
There is no educational requirement whatever.

Street Trades
There is no street trades law.

Agriculture and Domestic Service
Agriculture is specifically exempted from the Child Labor Act.

Dangerous Trades and Occupations
Minors are forbidden to clean machinery in motion.
There is a 16 year age limit for acrobats, contortionists, etc.

Weakness
There is no other regulation whatever of the employment of children in dangerous occupations.

Workmen's Compensation
Minors injured while illegally employed are excluded from the benefits of the workmen's compensation law.