



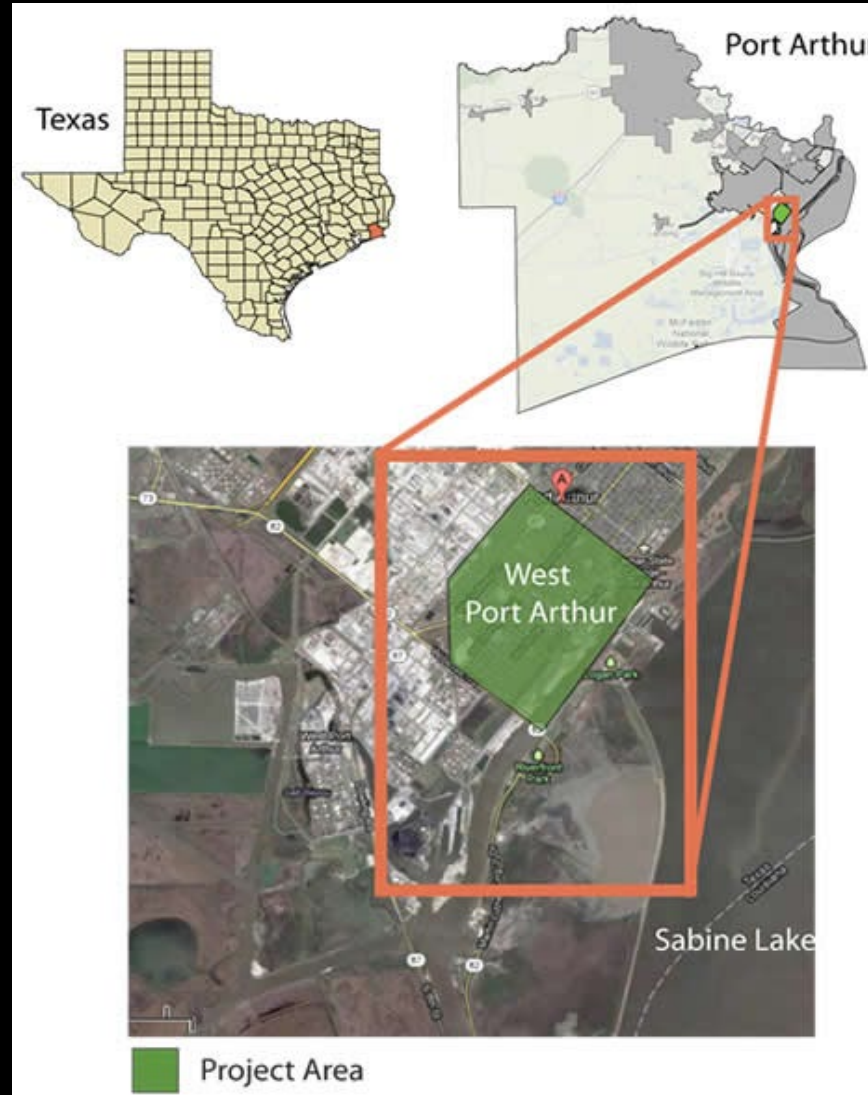
# **RACIAL LEGACIES OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS**

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Source: US Environmental Protection Agency

# THE RACIAL PAST OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



- Labor segregation and racial violence
- Black labor from other states in the late 1800s
- Convict labor type program



Street in Port Arthur in circa 1908 with  
asphalt from PNW.

## All of Port Arthur, Mid-County under boil water advisory; instructions given to residents

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## Port Arthur water main break causes boil water notice

Michelle Heath

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# The Racialized Present

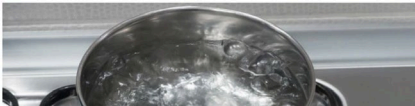
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## After pipe break, boil water notice for Port Arthur expected to lift Monday

### Port Arthur issues Boil Water Advisory

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## Boil water notice lifted for Sabine Pass, area near Sea Rim State Park

The city issued the notice due to a loss of pressure.

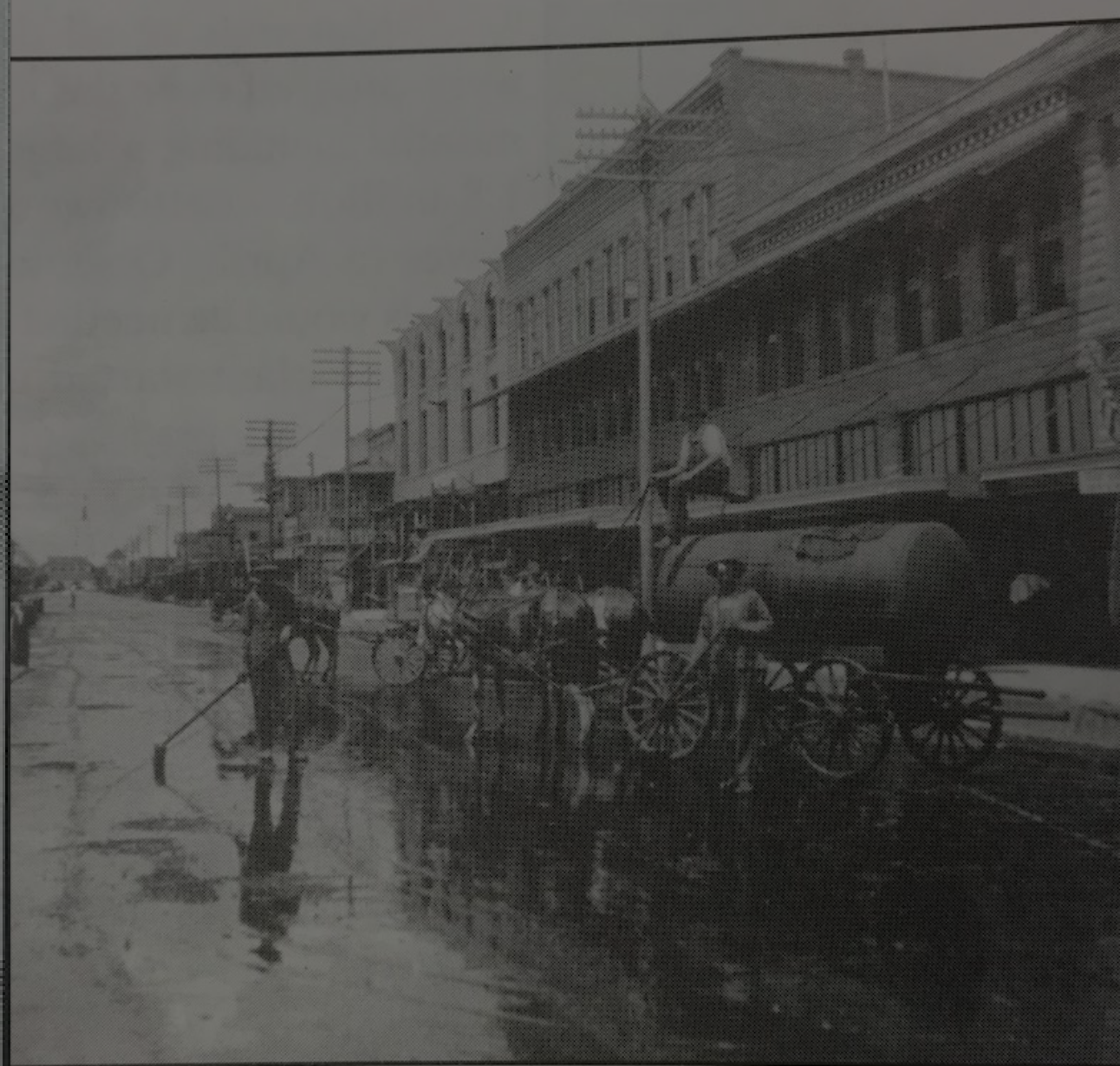
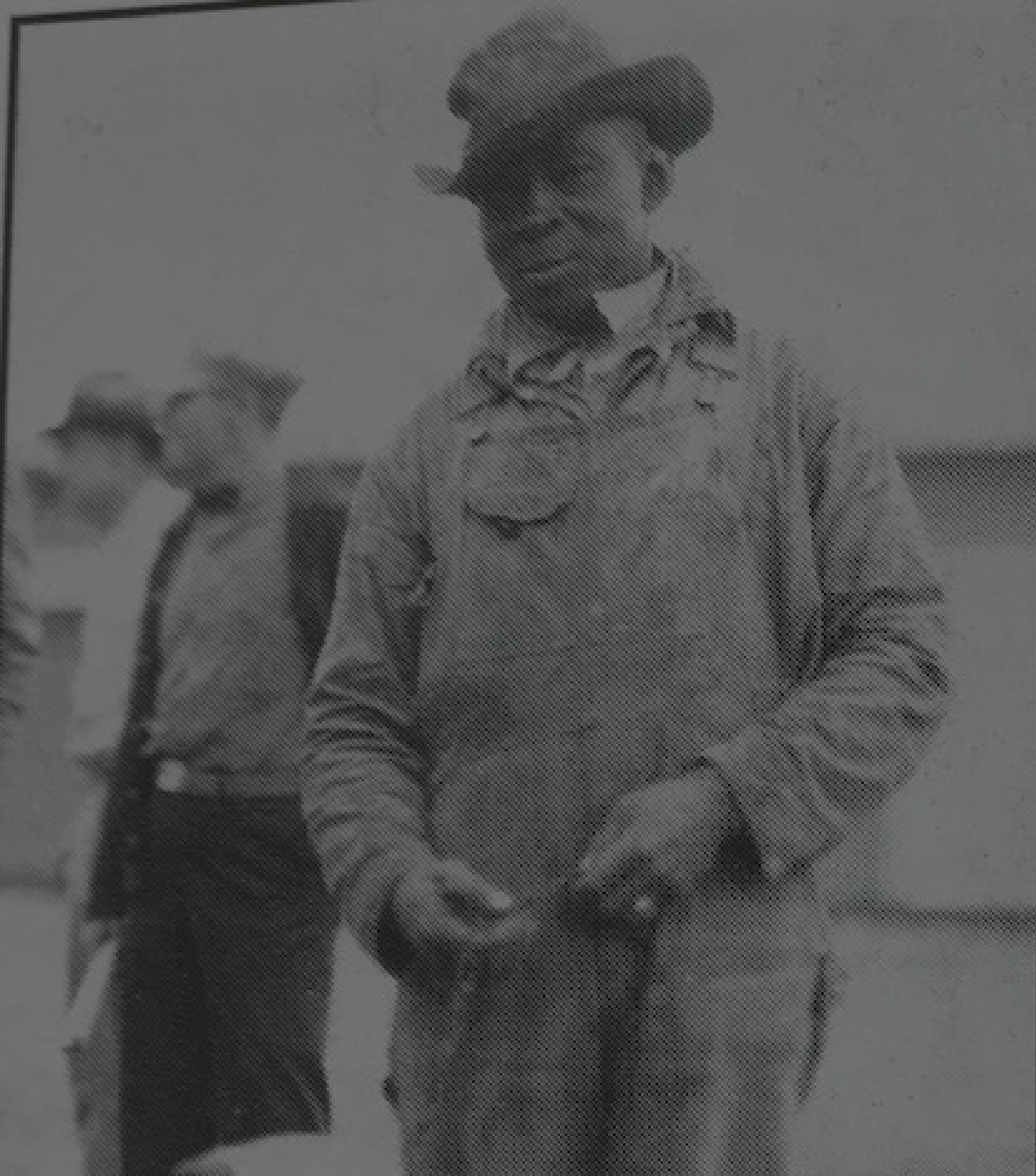


**THANK YOU**

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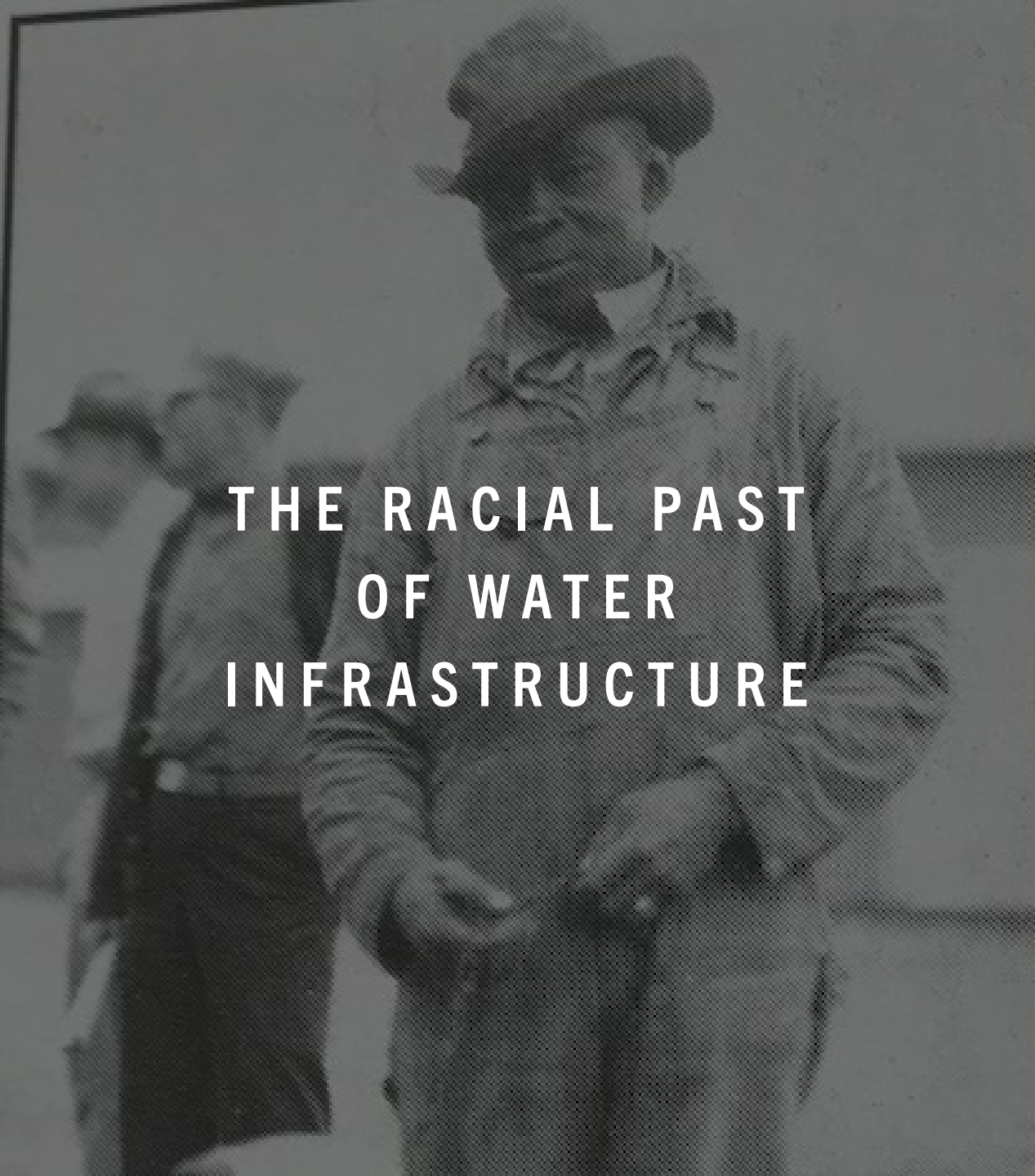
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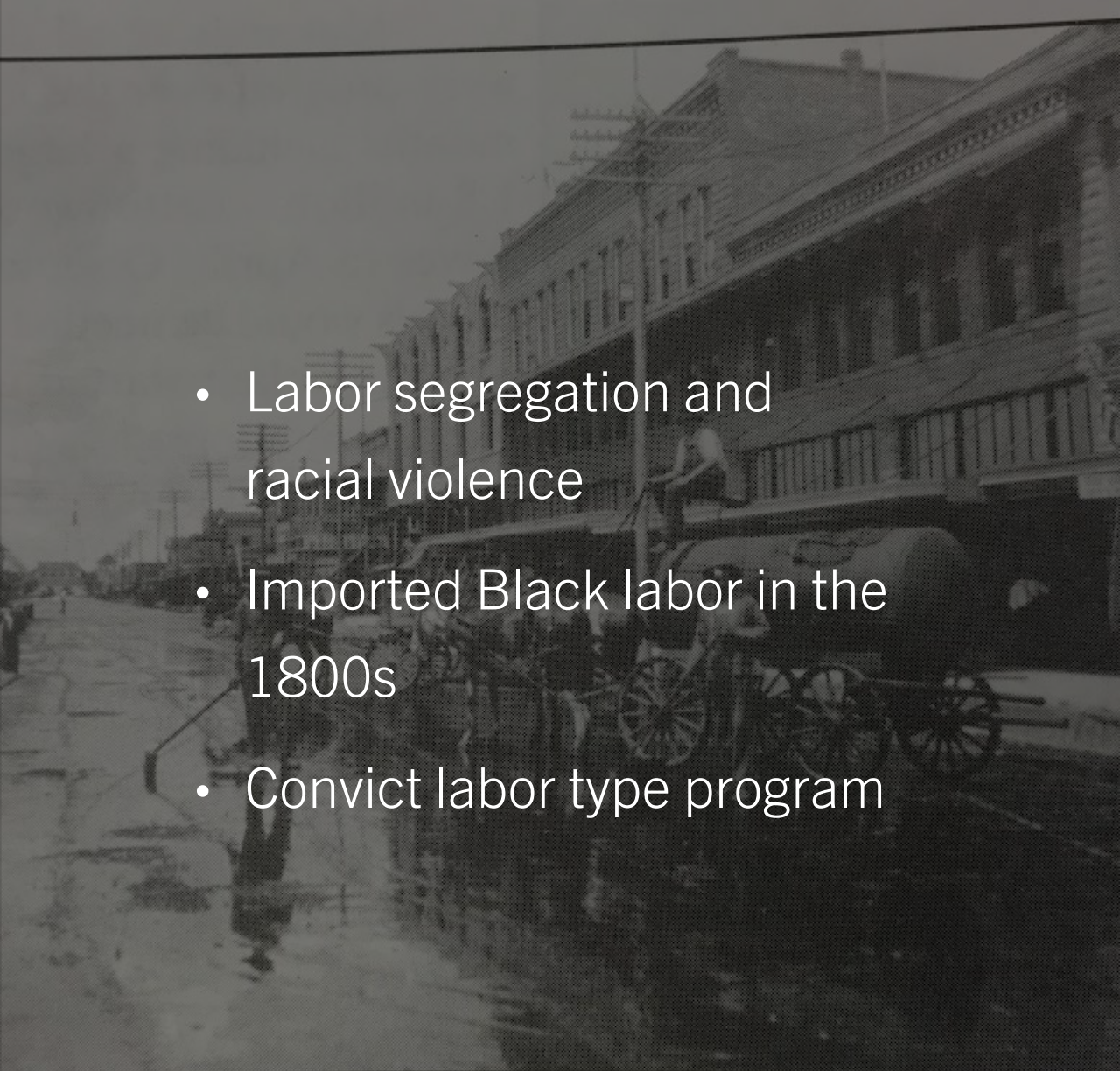
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*Paving Proctor Street in Port Arthur in circa 1908 with Texaco asphalt from PNW.*



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