Most historians know Flora Foreman as a teacher who opposed the First World War and who served four years in a Texas prison for violating the 1918 Sedition Act. But her suit against School District 25 of Columbia County, Oregon, in which she claimed she was fired unlawfully, is a treasure trove of sources about her activism in Oregon from 1913 to 1917. The file for the case, which went to the Oregon Supreme Court in 1916, contains exhibits documenting Foreman's outspoken critique of the First World War and the community conflict that her unpopular actions engendered. Materials include what may be the only surviving copy of the April 3, 1913 issue of Justice, a Socialist newspaper published in Portland by Bailey Leach and with a lengthy story of her case, and also photographs and a detailed transcript of depositions providing various perspectives on the school district conflict.

Foreman lost her bid for reinstatement. As the case went through the court system Foreman's home was burned, she was harassed and claimed that she was physically attacked. Her case file sheds light on the incredibly strong feelings for and against dissent, even in the years prior to the United States entrance into World War I in April 1917.

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