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   Political Machines were the process in which mayors conducted their political strategies to stay in power. The City Boss, the mayor, would be in charge of ward bosses, who were in charge of local precinct workers. The goal was to provide services to the constituency to remain in office. Many political machines were corrupt, while others used their power for good.

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   Boss Tweed as mayor of New York. He overcharged to build a court house and took a kickback from the profits. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison, but escaped. He was eventually found in Europe and rearrested. Tweed is a prime example of how the Political Machines could be corrupt.

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