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Actors, UPS, and Now the UAW: Why Unions Are Rising Up Again

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Although this is the first time the UAW has initiated a strike against the Big Three simultaneously, the impact on the broader U.S. economy is expected to be modest. Even if the UAW strike expanded to include all roughly 150,000 members for a full month, it would only result in a 0.2% drag on the U.S. economy during the third quarter, according to Joe Brusuelas, RSM's chief economist.

The strike will likely cause spillover effects in industries that support domestic vehicle manufacturing, such as petrochemicals, steel, and glass, as well as to suppliers that produce component parts, electronics, and software.