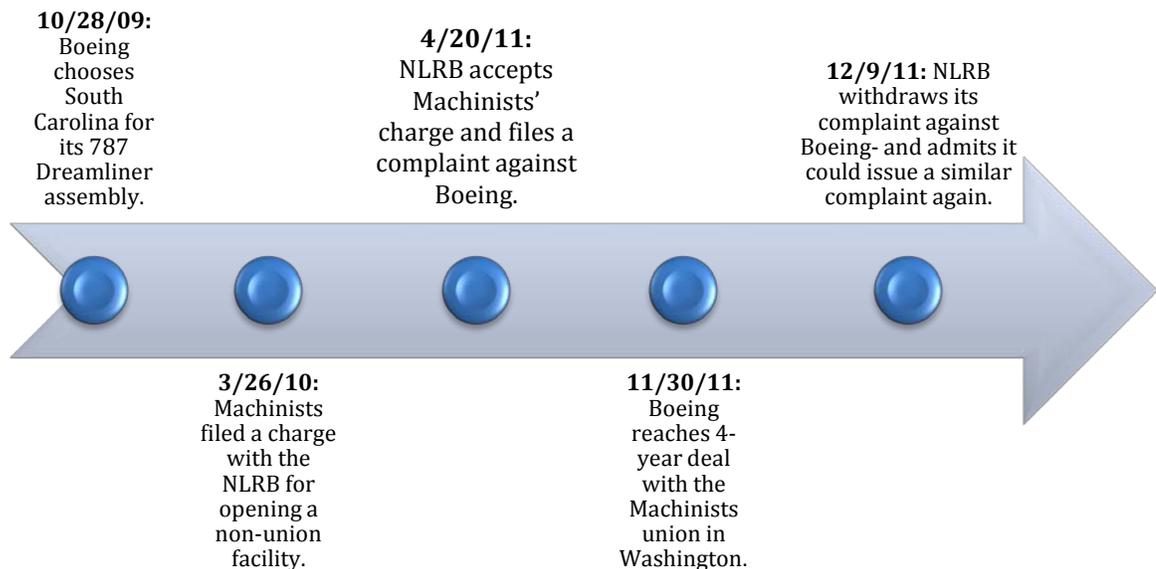


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- National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Shakes Down Boeing:**
On December, 9, 2011, the NLRB said it would file a complaint similar to Boeing again. *"If faced with a similar pattern, we might well issue a complaint,"* said Lafe Solomon, NLRB's acting general counsel.
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Blocks, Then Attacks AT&T:**
On November 22, 2011, the FCC called for an administrative review of AT&T's merger with T-Mobile, ending any chance of a merger. **Two days later**, AT&T withdrew its application. The following week, the FCC released a staff report criticizing the company. AT&T responded, *"the report cherry-picks facts to support its views, and ignores facts that don't."*
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Forces New CAFE on Autos:**
On July 29, 2011, General Motors and other automakers reluctantly agreed to new fuel economy targets for 2017-2025, years after the end of the Obama Administration's EPA. The *Wall Street Journal* wrote: *"Yes, 13 automakers agreed to this standard in July, confirming **behavioral science on hostages.**"* On December 1, 2011 the EPA proposed the rule.