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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS
BY GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT
Jefferson City, Missouri
September 13, 1932, 9 P.M.

(There were about 12,000 people in the audience, which the Governor addressed from the Capitol steps.)

My friends, I am very happy to be here in the Capital City of Missouri. This is our first day out. We are travelling by train across the Continent and back.

We have had a happy day -- all of us -- because we woke up this morning to the announcement of the important news, that Maine had gone Democratic. (Hurrah! -- prolonged applause) If Maine does that, what is Missouri going to do? (Prolonged applause)

I am happy to be here tonight, and especially happy to be introduced by one of my oldest friends -- Senator Reed. (Applause)

I am glad to be here with another old friend -- Harry Hawes, (applause) and with a youngster whom I used to know in the old days when his splendid father was the Speaker of the House -- your new Senator. (Hurrah! -- applause) I just came here to say "howdy" to you. We must get back to the train. (Looking at his watch) By

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my time -- I haven't changed my watch yet -- it's half-past midnight. (Laughter)

So, all I can tell you now is that I hope to get back to this State next month, and have the privilege of seeing many of you again. It has been a fine day and a fine night!

May Missouri do its duty on the 8th of November!
(Applause, prolonged cheering)