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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS  
OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT  
Limon, Colorado  
September 15, 1932, 11.40 A.M.

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I have discovered one advantage of the depression today, and that is that the railroad has enough money to keep the grass down on the tracks, and there is less dust than I have ever before experienced. (Applause)

We have had a fine trip so far. It started off with the news from Maine, about which you people have also read. (Applause) And I believe that Colorado is going to do even better than Maine did, when November comes around. (Applause)

As you people know, I have been through here a lot of times. I hope that if you are interested in what we are talking about in regard to agriculture and cattle, you will read what I said yesterday in Topeka, Kansas, because that applies not only to the wheat belt, but to agriculture as a whole all over the United States.

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This is a transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

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In other words, as I said yesterday, it costs us two wagon-loads to buy the same things for our homes that we could buy before the war for one wagon-load.

The same thing is true not merely in these farming districts around here, but also back home, in up-state New York, where I have lived on a farm for fifty years. We are all "in the same boat", and we have all got to work together towards the same end.