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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT
From the Back Platform of his Special Train
Davis, California, September 22, 1932, 2.45 P.M.

Hello, my friends: You know, I am very much interested in agriculture utilities, because, back in our State we have made a tremendous lot of progress through the use of Cornell College -- about which some of you people know. We have made great advancement in our agricultural work in the State, largely because of the young men and young women who have gone through the Cornell State College of Agriculture.

I am making this trip, not so much to make political speeches, as I am to find out something about the conditions and the needs of every section of the country, because I am quite certain the prosperity of the country cannot come back if the agricultural portion of the country remains bankrupt the way it is today. That is one reason why we have got to do everything we can to restore normal conditions throughout the whole country.

I can only stop for a minute. Before I depart, I want to introduce to you my "little boy", Jimmie; his wife, Betsy, and my daughter, Anna. (Applause) Right behind me is my old friend, Mr. McAdoo. (Prolonged applause)

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