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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT

From the Back Platform of his Special Train  
Glendale, California, September 24, 1932, 11.10 A.M.

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tonight and head back because it is a mighty big country to cover, so all I can say is "how do you do", and say that I want to see you again. (Applause)

I want to present to you for a moment the man who is responsible for the conduct of the campaign, Honorable James A. Farley, National Chairman of the Democratic Party.