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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT  
From the Back Platform of his Special Train  
Wickenburg, Arizona, September 25, 1932, 5.00 P.M.

(Some of the people from Parker and Matthie, not having seen the Governor when the train passed through these sections, came on to see him at Wickenburg.)

I was sorry not to see you this morning, but I was up pretty late last night; somewhere around half-past two, and I guess I was just plain lazy, so I stayed in bed this morning.

You know, we have had certain problems on this trip in so far as early morning stops are concerned. Somewhere in Wyoming, about four o'clock in the morning, the crowd outside said, "Come on out, Governor. Come on out." I opened one eye about half-way and rolled over. The next thing I heard was: "Come on out, Governor. If you don't we are going to vote for Hoover." (Laughter, applause)

At another station at about two o'clock in the morning, they got my boy, Jimmie, out of bed. Here he is. Just a little fellow! (Laughter) There was a lady in the group who had driven 200 miles to see me, and Jimmie explained that I was sound asleep. She said, "I don't care. I have come 200 miles. It is up to him to come out." Jimmie said, "Nothing doing. I won't wake him up." And she said, "All right! I will go in and wake him up myself." (Laughter)

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At another station at about two o'clock in the morning, they got my limbs, out of bed. Here he is just a little fellow! (Laughter) There was a lady in the group who had driven 200 miles to see me, and limbs explained that I was sound asleep. She said, "I don't care. I have come 200 miles. It is up to him to come out." Limbs said, "Nothing doing. I won't wake him up." And she said, "All right! I will go in and wake him up myself." (Laughter)

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fine, as you people know. One of my chief objects is -- not to make speeches, but rather to try to find out what the conditions are in the different parts of the country -- what the needs of the different parts of the country really are. I am not talking politics on Sunday. I have been out here in Arizona a good many times before, but not in Phoenix, until today. So I am glad to make the acquaintance of this great section. I know what you have been up against, both in mining and also in agriculture, and I believe that in working towards a general prosperity we have got to consider all of the component parts of national prosperity, and not just one section, or one particular industry or trade. That is going to be the objective towards which we are going to work.

It has been fine to see you.

I want to introduce my "little boy", Jimmie. I will ask him to come out, and let you see what he looks like. Three of the other youngsters, who are all little fellows, have been out here during the summertime at Mrs. Greenway's Ranch. So I feel that our family is pretty closely connected with the State of Arizona.

It has been fine to see you all! (Prolonged applause)

We have got to find some use for the copper that you turn out! (Applause)