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**Ash Fork, AZ - Extemporaneous remarks**

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT  
From the Back Platform of his Special Train  
Ash Fork, Arizona, September 25, 1932, 10.00 P.M.

My friends, it's good to see you tonight. I find it much cooler than it was around Phoenix. I have been in the Southern part of your State many times, as well as the Northern part. I never visited Phoenix in my life, until today.

Some of you people know the Roosevelt family. Jimmie is right behind me. I have never received a more wonderful reception than we had down in Phoenix today. The people were most hospitable. I didn't see them in the Western part of the State this morning, because I wasn't up. On those occasions Jimmie does the pinch-hitting for me. (Laughter)

(At this point the Governor again recited his experience during the middle part of the night at Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho, when the crowd outside woke him up.)

We have had a great trip, and it is perfectly grand to see you. We expect to have a delightful day tomorrow. A very old friend of mine invited me up to the Ranch -- Mrs. Greenway.

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

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(At this point the Governor again recalled his experiences during the middle part of the night at Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho, when the crowd outside woke him up.)

We have had a great trip, and it is wonderful to see you. We expect to have a delightful day tomorrow. A very old friend of mine invited me up to the Ranch -- Mrs. Greenway.

It was best trip to see you! (Prolonged applause)