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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT

From the Back Platform of his Special Train  
Lamy, New Mexico, September 27, 1932, 9.15 A.M.

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Finally, I have talked about one thing that I know is of interest down here in New Mexico. That is, the control by the people of their own sources of water power. (Prolonged applause)

In all these matters -- and there are a good many other matters that we are going to talk about in the next five or six weeks -- the Democratic Party is taking the position of liberalism. We are looking forward to actual and definite accomplishment. We are trying to get somewhere by action, and not by word.

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was responsible in making my boy, John -- my youngest boy -- make his first speech. I think John feels quite jealous of both his mother and father. We shall always remember that this was the gift of the State of New Mexico.

I don't know if my family are up yet. I guess they are. Here is my boy, "Jimmie". (Prolonged applause)

I think there is another old family friend here today -- a young man whom I have known since he was in short pants -- a young man whom my family has known and cherished as a friend for years -- my very distinguished friend, Brother Cutting. I wish that he would come up here and say "howdy".

Where is former Congressman John Morrow? Is he coming?

A VOICE: Yes.

GOVERNOR: And here is my wife, Mrs. Roosevelt.  
(Prolonged applause)

And here is a very, very old friend of mine right here in the corner, Senator Walsh, of Montana. (Prolonged applause)