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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT  
From the Back Platform of his Special Train  
Benkelman, Nebraska, September 28, 1932

GOVERNOR: I am glad to see you all. I haven't been down here for about twelve years.

We are all having the same problem -- whether we farm here in western Nebraska, or on the Hudson Valley, or River.

AUDIENCE: We are in the same boat.

GOVERNOR: Yes, we are all in the same boat, and we have got to do something to remedy the situation. What we want to have is a little action; isn't that right?

AUDIENCE: Yes, you bet.

GOVERNOR: Yes, it is fine to see you all, and it is fine to see you by day rather than by night.

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