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ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

SOUTH OMAHA, NEBRASKA

September 29, 1932

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As you people know, the real reason for this trip around the country is not to make speeches but it is, rather, to find out at first-hand what the conditions are in every section of the country. I think it is pretty fair judgment to say that if one section of the country is lacking in prosperity, that is going to affect every other part of the country. If we people back on the Hudson River are having a pretty hard time, that is going to affect the people out here, and in the same way, if the agriculture out here and the cattle industry are having a hard time, it is going to affect us back in the East. That is why I am trying to find out at first-hand exactly the needs and conditions in every part of the country.

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It is fine to get this chance to see you here today, and I hope I will have the opportunity of coming back and staying here longer very soon. Many thanks.

(Applause)

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