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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT
From the Back Platform of his Special Train
Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 29, 1932

It's good to get back to Iowa. Coming through here last Spring, on the way up to St. Paul, we had a wonderful reception all along the road. We also had a wonderful reception today over in Omaha. We went out on the farm, and the result is that I am carrying some wheat straw back East in my hair. (Laughter)

In every possible way, I am glad that I came out on this trip through the West. The real reason was not to make political speeches, but to find out about what the conditions were in every part of the country. I am sorry to say that the depression is just as bad as it is on the Hudson River.

One of the things which we want to accomplish in the next four years is to bring back a prosperity that will cover every section in the country, and every class in the community.

Agriculture, in the last analysis, is the foundation of the prosperity of the United States.

It's good to see you all. I will introduce some of my family: Mrs. Roosevelt is over here on my left. (Applause) My daughter, Anna, is here. (Applause) My little boy Jimmie is alongside of me, and here is his wife, Betsy. (Applause)
It's good to eat back to town. Coming over a week we had a movement to start climbing on the way up to get Ren. We had a movement to keep on the road. We also had a movement to go forward and the result of that I am contriving some way to make back East in my part.

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In every possible way I am glad that I came out on top of the situation we have not to make little trips through the West. The best lesson was to not to make political speeches put out short point out what the condition was in each part of the country I am sorry to say but the government is just as bad as it is on the Hudson River.

One of the things which we want to recommend in the next year is to print a prospectus that will cover every section in the country, and every section in the community.

Furthermore, in the last election in the country was a picture of the United States.

It's good to see you all. I will introduce some of my friends. Mr. Roosevelt is over here on my left. (Applause) Mr. Governor, and the praise (Applause) Mr. Teller for the time, (Applause)
There are three other small boys -- almost six feet and three inches -- back home. (Laughter, applause)

A VOICE: We will see you in the White House, Governor! (Applause)

GOVERNOR: I am also very glad to be campaigning once more with an old campaign mate of mine -- the next Governor of Iowa. (Applause)