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This is a transcription of the speech  
made at the time of the Governor's  
visit to the State of New York  
on October 18, 1932.

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT  
From the Back Platform of his Special Train  
Syracuse, New York, October 18, 1932

A VOICE: Where are you going, Governor?

GOVERNOR: We are going out to the Middle West. How is everybody? My daughter and daughter-in-law, and my "small boy" Jimmie, are with us this time. (Applause)

Hello, Will! How is everything? Will, I was just thinking that there is no use in my coming to Syracuse on such an old story. I guess everybody knows me in Syracuse. (Laughter, applause)

A VOICE: We will tell you a story! (Laughter)

GOVERNOR: You know, the last trip started on a rainy day too! And it was a lucky trip. So, it is all right.

Sammy (referring to one of the photographers, taking a picture), you will get left one of these days! Friends, I won't be here on the 4th of March next. I have got another date. (Laughter, applause)

A VOICE: What are you going to do on the bonus?

GOVERNOR: You will hear something on the bonus. You will get it.

A VOICE: Is our friend Smith on the campaign too?

GOVERNOR: Yes; he will be out in Buffalo on the 26th, I think -- or rather, I believe it is the 28th.

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TO EXAMINE REMARKS OF  
FROM THE BACK TABLES OF  
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 20, 1936

A VOICE: Where are you going, Governor?

GOVERNOR: We are going out to the Middle West. How

is everybody? My daughter and daughter-in-law, and my small

boy, Jimmie, are with us this time. (Applause)

Hello, Willie! How is everybody? Willie, I was just

thinking that there is no use in my coming to Syracuse on such

an old story. I guess everybody knows me in Syracuse. (Laugh-

ter, applause)

A VOICE: We will tell you a story! (Laughter)

GOVERNOR: You know, the last trip started on a rainy

day too! And it was a lucky trip. So, it is all right.

Sammy (referring to one of the photographers, taking

a picture), you will get one of these days! Friends, I

won't be here on the 4th of March next. I have got another

date. (Laughter, applause)

A VOICE: What are you going to do on the bonus?

GOVERNOR: You will hear something on the bonus.

You will get it.

A VOICE: Is our friend Smith on the campaign too?

GOVERNOR: Yes, he will be out in Buffalo on the 20th.

I think -- or rather, I believe it is the 20th.

A VOICE: What is that, Governor? (Referring to loud speaker, which was not operating at the time.)

GOVERNOR: I am blessed with a cast-iron voice. I don't need it here.

A VOICE: Your voice comes all right.

A VOICE: Good luck, Governor.

GOVERNOR: Thank you. I wish I could get off and make a speech here at Syracuse.

A VOICE: Never mind; we will vote for you anyhow. Let us all give a big cheer for Roosevelt. (Audience responding with three "Hurrahs") Be careful of those moonshiners down south now.

GOVERNOR: They are not only in the south. (Laughter, applause)