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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.
A VOICE: Where are you going, Governor, west? Now.

GOVERNOR: We are going out to the Middle West.

Well, listen, gentlemen. Well, I am just thinking that there is no use in coming to Bismarck, or to South Dakota, or to any one of the Western States, to tell you about the Depression, because everybody knows me in Bismarck.

(Applause)

(Applause)

A VOICE: We will tell you a story. (Applause)

GOVERNOR: You know, the last trip started on a train.

(Weary) I want to make one or two general remarks. I would like to point out the great need I have for another grade (Applause)

A VOICE: We will tell you a story. (Applause)

GOVERNOR: You will hear something or the country.

(Applause)

A VOICE: We will tell you a story. (Applause)

GOVERNOR: You will hear something or the country.

I think -- or I mean, I believe it is the country.

(Applause)
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 "Hurraths") Be careful of those moonshiners down south now.

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