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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT  
From his Automobile - Georgia Warm Springs Hospital  
Warm Springs, Georgia, October 23, 1932, 12.00 M.

(The infantile paralysis patients were seated in a circle on the grounds of the Foundation, some in arm chairs, while many others were on the porch of the Hospital.)

Two weeks more to go. (Applause) The finest thing I know of was the reception all the way down from Atlanta -- especially this reception here from my neighbors and my friends. (Applause)

I found out one very nice thing today: First, let me say this: This old hat, a lot of you people have seen before. It's the same hat. But I don't think it is going to last much longer after the 8th of November. (Laughter, applause) I have a superstition about hats in campaigns, and I am going to wear it until midnight of the 8th of November. (Applause)

And then I am going to be all right, because I find that as I drove up here, I saw in the car in front of me my old friend, Fred Botts, with a silk hat on. (Laughter) And that means that instead of going to the expense of getting a silk hat for the Inauguration on March 4th, I am going to borrow Fred's. (Laughter, applause)

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borrow Fred's. (Laughter, applause)

Well, it's fine to see you, and I am looking forward to coming down here for the usual Thanksgiving Party in Warm Springs, and having a real old-fashioned Thanksgiving with my neighbors again. I thank you! (Applause)