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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT ROOSEVELT  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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My friends, I am very glad to come to Birmingham to have this wonderful welcome from your Mayor and from all of you and also to see my old friend, Judge Fitts, who did so much to make my nomination possible last summer. (Applause)

I have had a very interesting day today in northern Alabama, seeing something I have heard of through all these years -- a great plant built by the United States Government and now lying idle. I want to make that great plant work once more for the people of the United States. (Applause)

You know, you good people in this State are very close neighbors of mine because in Warm Springs, Georgia, all I have to do is to go up to the top of Pine Mountain behind my cottage and, from there, I can look into the State of Alabama.

I am glad to be here as the guest of the State. I am going down tonight to be the guest of Governor Miller. I wanted to stop off in Birmingham but the good people in Mobile said that if I came here and stopped off I would have to come down there too and so the only place I can go is to the Capitol of the State. But I hope to be able to come back here some time and see you again. In the meantime let me express to you the hope that some day in the near future the tune that my fellow members of the American Legion has been playing, "Happy Days Are Here Again" is going to come true. (Prolonged applause)

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In the meantime let me express to you the hope that some day in the

near future the same that my fellow members of the American Legion

has been playing, "Happy Days Are Here Again" is going to come

soon. (Prolonged applause)