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I was sorry not to see you this morning, but I have to be quite frank and tell you that I was still sleeping.

We had a very wonderful day in Chicago, a great meeting of the American Legion, and afterwards I was glad to have a chance to see the Century of Progress Exposition. I wish that everybody in this country could have a chance to see that Fair and to realize what we have accomplished in the United States since the early days in 1893. When I was a very small boy, about ten or eleven years old, I was taken out to the Worlds Fair.

I was glad to come back and compare this Fair with what happened forty years ago.

I am glad to have this chance to get around the country a little bit for, as you know, my job keeps me pretty well tied to my desk in Washington. (Laughter, applause)

I believe that the people of this country, regardless of party, are behind what the Government is

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I have to be quite frank and tell you that I was a little bit disappointed. We had a very wonderful day in Chicago. I was glad to have a chance to see the Century of Progress Exposition. I was glad that everybody in this country could have a chance to see that fair and to realize what we have accomplished in the United States since the early days in 1893. When I was a very small boy, about ten or eleven years old, I was taken out to the World's Fair. I was glad to come back and compare this fair with what happened forty years ago. I am glad to have this chance to get around the country a little bit for, as you know, my job keeps me pretty well tied to my desk in Washington. (laughter) (applause)

I believe that the people of this country, regardless of party, are behind what the Government is

trying to do. (Applause) I believe also that while it is going to take a good while longer to reach the goal that we have set for ourselves, nevertheless we are getting somewhere every day. (Applause)

Thanks for coming down. (Applause)