I am glad to be able to come to Cordele at last. I have been threatening to come here for the last two or three years, ever since I had a talk with a committee from Crisp County who told me all about what you are doing. People from Crisp County come up to see me in Warm Springs from time to time and I have followed what you have been doing here with a lot of interest, and in various parts of the United States I have held out Crisp County as one of the fine examples of good American progressive citizenship. (Applause)

I am having a two-weeks holiday now and I grabbed hold of the Governor down in Savannah this morning and made him come along with me. (Applause)

It is fine to see you and I hope that the Governor will be willing to say a few words to you.

(The Governor introduced the President's Mother who thanked the audience for her flowers.)
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I am very pleased to be here to come to connect with you.

I have been interested to come here to speak to you and to share with you some of the progress that has been made in the United States. I have visited many parts of the United States and have made many speeches. I want to tell you about some of the things that have happened.

I believe in a free and open society, where everyone has the right to speak their minds. This has been a principle of my administration, and I hope it will continue.

I am willing to work with you to bring about a new order in government.