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[ "Texas Standpipe Delegation" ]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
during the Reception of the Texas  
"Jamboree" Delegation at the White House  
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I can go to the Bahamas fishing and the Vice President just carries on the Government 100% during my absence.

And, in addition to that, all of the purse strings of the Government apparently are in the righthand pocket of Jesse Jones.

Besides that, I do want to say that I am very happy because of the splendid delegation Texas has in both Houses of Congress. As you know, Senator Sheppard and my old friend Tom Connally, are among my oldest and warmest friends and supporters. I am tremendously pleased with them. Also, in the House -- although there are occasional lapses -- taking it by and large, we get on mighty well, and I think we are going to get on increasingly well.

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I think it is a fine thing you are doing. I wish you could get around to every State of the Union -- spending a year on the road selling Texas. You don't have to sell Texas to me.

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Of course, when John Garner comes back from there, I have to stretch my imagination a little bit, but he has taught me how to tell fish stories. And I hope next year to be able to go down to Texas and stay with John and get him to prove those stories to me personally.

It is fine to see you all and I wish very much I could have come down to the train, but, as you know, I stayed a week extra down south and it meant putting the President of Haiti off a week, so I am spending my day today with the President of Haiti, otherwise I would have come down to the train to see you all.

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