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My friends, I am glad, after a trip of many weeks, to return to the Father of Waters.

For many years I have been hearing about the development of the Upper Mississippi. Two years ago, in the Spring of 1932, I had a talk with a number of the leaders of the State of Minnesota and I began then to learn of the possibilities of this Upper Valley.

I am glad that in the short space of time, the past year and a half, we have been able to go ahead with the deepening of the Upper Mississippi, with this waterway, and I am glad also that we have been able to bring to this community some assistance in providing for this project which I know is going to be of splendid service to the people of Lake City and this vicinity. That is why I am very, very happy to take part in this dedication. (Applause)

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