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**Statement for Dedication Ceremonies of New
Labor Department Building**

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Suggested Statement by the President to be used at Noon today in the dedication of the new Department of Labor - to be read by Mrs. Perkins. Mr. Early would like to get O. K. as soon as possible so that he may deliver it to Department of Labor:

My absence ~~from the city~~ makes it impossible ~~for me~~ to join in the dedication ceremonies of the new building of the United States Department of Labor, but I take this opportunity to extend my felicitations to the wage earners of the entire country upon the formal opening of the fine new home which now houses the Federal Department directly concerned with their problems.

The organic act creating the Department of Labor says that its purpose shall be to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners of the United States, to improve their working conditions and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The Department is thus dedicated to the working people of the Republic, and is being administered for their economic advancement and physical wellbeing.

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Statement by the President for the Secretary of Labor for use in connection with the dedication today of the new Labor Department Building.

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Activities of the Department of Labor have been broadened and its sphere of influence has been widened in the past two years. Its work is constructive. It seeks the interest of all wage earners through factual findings and the making of recommendations concerning working hours, wages, security, industrial sanitation, community opportunity, health and safety and other problems which bear directly upon the lives and welfare of the working men and women of the country.

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Its activities have been broadened and its field of influence widened in the past two years, ~~so that it now ranks with the most important of Federal agencies.~~ It is doing highly constructive work in the interest of all wage earners through factual findings and ^{the} ~~making~~ ^{of} recommendations of working hours, wages, security, industrial sanitation, community opportunity, health and safety and ~~many~~ other factors which bear directly upon the lives of the working men and women of the country, ~~and their dependents.~~

~~As conditions improve, the Department of Labor, under the active and inspiring leadership, and with the broad, sound and constructive program which it has mapped out, will continue to point the way by which wage~~

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~~standards.~~ It is ~~indeed~~ ^{indeed} fitting that with increased responsibilities ^{its} and ^{such as} ~~and~~
^{work,} the Department should be housed in ^{the} fine building ^{as is} ~~which is~~ being dedicated today.