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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN  
EN ROUTE, WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA, TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, December 8, 1935, 5.53 P.M.

(The band played, "Hail to the Chief" and the National Anthem. The Mayor then introduced The President.)

I am very glad to come here but I am sorry that it is after dark and that I cannot stay a great deal longer.

I feel that I have a great deal more familiarity with Chattanooga and this section of Tennessee than I have any right to assume because of very much first-hand acquaintance. The reason is that a very good friend of mine and a very good friend of yours, the Congressman from Chattanooga. (Applause) Hardly a week goes by but that he comes down to my office with a large map (laughter) - a map showing all sorts of new highways and all sorts of new dams and all sorts of other things.

I don't have to tell you of my interest in this State and in this section and in this City, because in the Tennessee Valley the nation as a whole is conducting -- I hate to call it an experiment because it has got beyond that stage -- it is conducting a great humanitarian work

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(The word "United" was added to the original copy text.)

I am very glad to have you here today. It is after dark and I cannot see your face. I feel that I have a great deal more confidence in you than I do in any other man. I have seen you in the past and I know you are a very good man. The reason is that you are a very good man and you are very good friends of our country. (The word "United" was added to the original copy text.)

I don't have to tell you of my interest in this state and in the people and in this city. Tennessee Valley has been a state in construction for a long time and it is a very important part of our country.

which, because of its already proven success, is going to mean much for the country in the days to come. (Applause)  
(The train started to pull out.)

Good-bye.