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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT DENNISON, TEXAS June 13, 1936, 3.15 P.M.

My friends, I am very glad to come in person to Dennison. (Applause) Although it is my first visit, I feel that I have known Dennison pretty well for a long time. The reason for that is that my very good friend, your Congressman, Sam Rayburn, (applause) has been talking to me about the problems of Dennison and this part of the country for a good many years. In fact, I am not so very sure that I do not know your own geography just as well as you do.

We are taking steps, as you know, to have a survey of this part of the Red River made and I hope some day, very soon, that the great project of the Dennison Dam and Basin will be started. (Applause)

And then, too, in talking with Sam Rayburn, I have been very much interested in getting electricity into people's homes. I am told that in this Congressional District there are about thirty-one thousand farms but, out of the thirty-one thousand farms, only about seven or eight hundred of them have got electric lights. That is

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something we are going to remedy before we get through.

(Applause)

We have had a wonderful two days in Texas and in a very few miles I will be leaving the State -- leaving it with great regret because Mrs. Roosevelt and I have had a wonderful reception everywhere we have gone in this great State. We will carry all through our lives the memory of this splendid gathering and your welcome here in Dennison. And so, may I, through you, thank all of the good people of Texas.

It has been a great joy to travel through your State in company with your fine Governor, Governor Allred, and Mrs. Allred. (Applause)

Now that I have broken the ice, I am going to come back again, I hope very soon. (Applause)

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