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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
STATE FAIR GROUNDS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
September 5, 1936

(The President was introduced by Governor McNutt)

My friends, I have some very definite things to do today but I would much rather sit right here at the State Fair and see everything. (Applause)

One of the penalties of being President -- and there are a number of them -- is that I cannot go to State Fairs. I have even missed my own County Fair this year. I was brought up in an atmosphere of Fairs because my Father, when I was a very small boy, was still driving horses on the Grand Circuit.

While I do miss many things, at the same time I am very grateful for this opportunity of getting around the United States and seeing some of our problems at first hand. This trip that I have been on has taught me much and I am going back to Washington with a broader knowledge and a greater purpose of trying to continue the work of cooperation between the Federal Government and the State governments and the local governments to the end that this country of ours may be a happier and better and safer place to live in for us and our children. (Applause)

THE NATIONAL EXTENSION BOARD OF THE PRESIDENT
STATE FAIR BOARDS, INDIANA
September 2, 1908

(The President was introduced by Governor Hovey)

My friends, I have had very definite things to
to think but I would much rather sit right here at the
State Fair and see everything. (Laughter)
One of the pleasures of being President -- and
there are a number of them -- is that I need go to State
Fairs. I have even stayed at one County Fair this year.
I was brought up in an atmosphere of State Fairs because my
father, when I was a very small boy, was well known
throughout the State Circuit.
While I do not enjoy them, at the same time
I am very grateful for the opportunity of visiting around
the United States and seeing some of our country at first
hand. This trip that I have now on has taught me much
and I am going back to Washington with a broader knowledge
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our country.

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