

September 5, 1936

[Connersville, Ind.]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA
September 5, 1936, 2:30 P.M.

My friends:

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We have had a wonderful day today and, in one way, I am sorry to be going back to Washington because I have had a very instructive tour. I have learned a lot about the needs of the country, especially those needs that have been caused by this great drought.

I am glad that things in Indiana are not as bad as they are in some other places.

As you know, we are undertaking plans not only to relieve the present situation but also to try to prevent this kind of thing from hurting us in the future as much as it has in the past.

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My friends:

I am glad to come to Knoxville for any reason. One of them is that in the early days before the World War started - how do you ever remember as far back as that - when I was in Washington I used to talk about battleships and submarines and lots of other Navy things with Congressman Gray, who was on the Naval Affairs Committee, when I was in the Navy Department. We have had a wonderful day today and, in one way, I am sorry to be going back to Washington because I have had a very instructive tour. I have learned a lot about the needs of the country, especially those needs that have been caused by this great drought. I am glad that things in Indiana are not as bad as they are in some other places. As you know, we are underlining plans not only to relieve the present situation but also to try to prevent this kind of thing from hurting us in the future as much as it has in the past.

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It is good to see you all. Good-bye.

(Applause)

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