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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
October 12, 1936, 2:51 P.M.

(There were about three thousand people in the audience.)

My friends, I think that four years ago we had a big crowd in Colorado Springs and today it is just twice as big. (Applause)

(Audience: Twice as many votes, too.)

That is a good idea and I hope that you are twice as happy as you were in 1932.

I am glad to see all these signs telling me to look at things. That is just what I am doing in coming out here, just what I have been doing on a good many trips in the last four years, trying to get to know this country better. I have seen the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs on several occasions before and some day I want to come up here and spend a week or two. (Applause)

You know, there has been a good deal of difference in tourists. In 1932, when I came out through

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here, there were a lot of tourists but they were riding in box cars. This year there are more of them and they are riding in Pullmans. (Applause)

That is one thing I am very happy about. People all over the country have got more wherewithal to travel and see their own country. I tell people back East that their principal duty is to come out West rather than go over across to Europe. (Applause)

It is fine to see you all. There are a number of very distinguished gentlemen up here on the platform. Here is my old friend, your Congressman, the Senator and the Governor. (Applause)

And may I also present - I think you have seen this person before, may I present to you Mrs. Roosevelt.

I also want to say, "How do you do" this way to Mayor Birdsall and the Reception Committee. They are in the crowd somewhere but cannot get up to the train.

(The President said good bye to Huston Thompson.)