INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN
PUEBLO, COLORADO
October 12, 1936, 3:50 P.M.

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

I am very glad to come back here after an
absence of four years and I am glad to be introduced
by my old friend, your Congressman. (Applause)

I go back a good many years, to 1920, in
the campaign of that year when I spent most of the day
and the evening in Pueblo and I remember that I spent
a good part of the evening trying to beat Alva Adams
at bowling at the "Y." But I think he was a better
bowler than I was. (Laughter)

In going through this country I think that
things certainly are a whole lot better than they were
in 1932. (Applause) In this particular section of
the state I know that you are interested in a lot of
things that I am interested in, soil conservation,
getting water on the land, irrigation and the prevention
of floods. We have been trying to accomplish a great
many of these things that were needed by people in
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various communities of the Nation. Up in the Capitol of the State this morning I told the people of Denver that in carrying out these public works of various kinds we were trying to construct those things that were recommended by the localities themselves, by the Governor and the people back home so that, through this expenditure of money, we have done much to start prosperity back on its feet right at home. (Applause)

You will notice, if you travel as much as I do, that there are very few empty freight cars standing on the sidings of the railroads of the country. A great many old engines have been brought out of the roundhouses and reconditioned. More engines are being built, more steel is being used in all kinds of construction and you ought to know about the use of steel in Pueblo.

As a matter of fact, the whole thing ties in together. With the return of prosperity we are getting more tourists, we are getting more freight and things to haul on the railroad, we are getting better prices for our crops. I am looking forward to a continuation of that prosperity.
I hope to be able to come back here from Washington during the next four years and see it grow. (Applause)

It is good to see you all and the next time I hope I can spend a little bit longer and perhaps Alva Adams will give me another chance to beat him bowling.

(The President then introduced Mrs. Roosevelt and said, "Good bye" as the train pulled out.)