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EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS
October 14, 1936, 11:30 A.M.

(The President was introduced by Governor
Horner.)

I am glad to come back to East St. Louis.
I remember very well my trip here four years ago when
I was very much saddened in those days by what I saw
in this City. There was very little going on in the
way of work of any kind. All I can tell you is that
I am very, very grateful for all the things that have
happened in these past four years because we are
certainly coming back to sounder progress than we have
ever had before. (Applause)

You know, I do not go along with the scientific
people who tell you that we have to have tremendous
waves of prosperity and depression. I believe that the
human race today is capable of planning ahead so that
we will have a better ordered economy. That is why it
has been my thought through all these years that we
ought to plan so that we won't have another depression
like the last one. (Applause)

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I would like to come back to that point.
I remember very well my first year in the White House. I was very much concerned in those days by what I saw in the city. There was very little going on in the way of work of any kind. All I can tell you is that I am very, very grateful for all the things that have happened in these past four years because we have certainly coming back to another program than we have ever had before.

(Applause)
You know, I do not go along with the scientific people who tell you that we have tremendous levels of productivity and expenditure. I believe that the human race today is capable of thinking ahead so that we will have a better ordered society. That is why it has been my thought through all these years that we ought to plan so that we won't have another depression like the last one.

(Applause)

I have had a very wonderful trip so far and all I can tell you is that I believe there is more interest in public affairs than ever before in this country. If people will only think for themselves and vote according to their consciences, I am not worried about the prospects on November 3rd.

I am glad to be here, standing beside my old friend Governor Horner. (Applause) And I am glad you feel the same way about him that I do. (Applause)

It is good to be with you. I am not going to make any more of a speech because I think we are about twenty minutes late; we had such a difficult time getting out of St. Louis. (Prolonged applause)