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[Alton, Illinois]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN

ALTON, ILLINOIS
October 14, 1936, 12:30 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Governor Horner.)

My friends, I am glad to come back to Illinois and glad to be here standing beside my old friend, Governor Horner.

I should say, looking at you people and seeing the number of children, that this is a real Roosevelt town. (Applause) And I like to think, because I think it is true, that the children these days have got more of a chance for the rest of their lives than they had in 1932. (Applause)

Things are picking up. They are undoubtedly better than they have been and they are undoubtedly going to keep on getting better during the next four years.

Mrs. Roosevelt wants me to thank you very much for these perfectly grand flowers that have come on the train. (Applause)

Good-bye. (Prolonged Applause)

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(The President was introduced by Governor Hoover.)

My friends, I am glad to come back to

Illinois and glad to be here standing beside my old

friend, Governor Hoover.

I should say, looking at you people and

seeing the number of children, that this is a real

Roosevelt town. (Applause) and I like to think, be-

cause I think it is true, that the children here have

had the best of a chance for the rest of their lives

than they had in 1933. (Applause)

Things are starting up. They are undoubtedly

better than they have been and they are undoubtedly

going to keep on getting better during the next four

years.

Mr. Roosevelt wants us to thank you very

much for those perfectly grand flowers that have come

on the train. (Applause)

Good-by. (Prolonged Applause)