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[Tram Platform - Lansing, Michigan]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
LANSING, MICHIGAN (Rear Platform)

October 15, 1938, 12.50 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Governor Murphy)

My friends:

Because I was not here four years ago, I cannot tell you that you are a better looking and happier looking crowd than you were then. But I think you are.

You, in the Capital City of the State, can appreciate what I am talking about when I speak about "rounded economy". That is because here, in the Capital, you have representatives from every part of the State, from the big industrial areas, from the farming areas, and from the forests. You have people here from this peninsular and from the northern peninsular and it has been my theme and my thought that no part of a state and no part of a Nation can be prosperous unless all the other parts are prosperous as well. That is why during the past three and a half years we have tried to take measures that would benefit not only the industrial worker but the farmer as well, and the miner and the man in the woods. We have been trying to restore purchasing power to the American people.

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And so, my friends, after this trip through the country, I am convinced of one thing, and that is that the people in the United States, everywhere, are taking a more intelligent interest in government than ever before.

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