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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO  
October 16, 1936, 2.22 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Governor Davey)

My friends, I am very grateful to you for coming out today. I am glad to come to Springfield again.

Those flowers you have presented are very delightful and they are going to make the car look like a garden, but I don't see a sunflower in the lot. (Laughter, applause)

I think that things, from the appearance of Springfield, are going a good deal better than they did in 1932. (Applause)

And, quite aside from having turned the corner in these last couple of years, there is one thing I am very, very happy about, and that is that there are more men and women all through the country that are taking an interest in the problems of Government than ever before. As I remarked in Detroit last night, Government ought to improve every year. We don't want to keep on using a Model T government.

That is why I am trusting to this great increase in popular interest in government to carry things through

This is a transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the reading copy. (The President was introduced by the reading copy.)

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