

September 23, 1937

[Clinton, Boons, Carville & Marshalltown, Iowa]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
Clinton, Iowa  
September 23, 1937, 2.15 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Representative William S. Jacobsen.)

My friends, I am glad to come back into Iowa and I have been made happy all day coming through Illinois, seeing that the corn is a lot better than it was last year.

This is another trip of inspection. I have taken one every year for the last four years and I have felt that it was right for me once more to go through the country and see how things are getting on and I should say, from what I have seen, that they are getting on pretty well.

It is good to see you.

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INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
Boone, Iowa  
September 23, 1937, 7.05 P.M.

(The President spoke from the rear platform of his train.  
There were about four thousand people in the audience.)

I am sorry that there is no loud speaker on the train because this is not a campaign trip.

I have had a wonderful day crossing Iowa and I want to thank you for the wonderful greeting that you have given to me. I have had a chance to talk with your Governor, with a number of Congressmen and with Ed Birmingham, who is here with me, and with the Mayor of Boone.

As you know, I am trying again, as I do every year, to find out about conditions at first hand. I think it is the right thing for a President to do when he is in office. (Applause)

I am very glad to have seen you and very glad to have this chance to get around and see the actual conditions in the United States.  
(Applause)

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INFORMAL, IMPROVISED REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
Carroll, Iowa  
September 23, 1937, 8.20 P.M.

(The President spoke from the rear platform of his train.  
There were about five thousand people in the audience.)

I am sorry that we haven't got a loud speaker on board but  
this is not a campaign trip.

I have had a wonderful reception all day crossing Iowa. I  
am glad to get back here and I am glad to see that the corn still grows.  
(Applause) I have to admit that your corn is a little bit taller than  
my corn in Dutchess County, New York, (applause) but not much.  
(Laughter)

(The President was handed the microphone and asked to speak  
over a local broadcasting station.)

I have just been telling this grand crowd that I am glad to  
get back in Iowa and grateful for the fine reception I have had all  
day. I had a chance to talk to your Governor; he left to go back to  
Clinton but I have the Governor of Nebraska on board (Governor Cochran)  
and that is something. (Applause)

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STATEMENTS FILE

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA,  
September 23, 1937 - 5.40 PM

I am glad to come back to Iowa after an absence of nearly a year. As you know, this is not a campaign trip but it is merely doing what I think every President ought to do and that is, once a year, <sup>to</sup> try~~ing~~ to see something of the country at first-hand.

I believe that on this trip so far things are a good deal better than they were in 1936.

At this particular moment I have ~~to~~ to be very careful of what I say because, up on the front platform of this car, they are making a record on a disc. And also ~~the~~ <sup>in the club car</sup> newspapermen who are connected with this back platform by this instrument (indicating microphone) are taking everything down, trying to get a real story that will appear in the headlines. So I have got to disappoint them once more.

As a matter of fact, I know a lot of you good people ~~down~~ here are interested in one of the objectives of government ~~and~~ ~~the~~ the stability of crop prices. It is one of the big things that we have let slide, <sup>this year</sup> and we know what happens to the country when corn and cotton and wheat and ~~all the~~ other major crops fluctuate up and down the scale and people haven't got any idea, when they plant their crops, what they are going to get for them when they reap them.

That is something, I believe, that modern civilization must solve ~~and can solve,~~ <sup>in a party spirit,</sup> and I am not speaking ~~faraway~~ ~~away~~, as you know, ~~about~~ I think the time has come when the government can devise ways and means which will stabilize prices that farmers get for what they grow.

And I believe, too, that that can be done without bankrupting the Government.

On this trip I am talking to ~~a great~~ many people about methods to be used in obtaining these ends. You know, a lot of people mix up objectives with methods and sometimes, when they don't like the objectives, they say, "Oh, yes, we do like the objectives, but we don't like the methods proposed by this particular fellow." Well, I am not in love with any <sup>particular</sup> ~~particular~~ ~~method~~ <sup>which</sup> but I am in love with the particular objectives the people are after, *and I am after.*

That is why ~~in this country~~, tomorrow, when I will be in the best sugar area and cattle area, I will be trying to get at first hand what the people are thinking about, *and trying* to get at first hand the methods to be used in gaining the objectives, because I am certain that we are together as to what those objectives are.

I said I was not going to make a speech but I seem to have made one.

I suppose that in the last twenty-five I have seen a good deal more of the United States than almost anybody in public life except Jim Farley. I am keen to see more of it and I propose to keep on traveling.

Many thanks.

INFORMAL SIMULTANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA  
September 25, 1937

I am glad to come back to Iowa after an absence of nearly a year. As you know, this is not a campaign trip but it is merely doing what I think every President ought to do and that is, once a year, to try to see something of the country at first hand.

I believe that on this trip so far things are a good deal better than they were in 1936.

At this particular moment I have to be very careful of what I say because, up on the front platform of this car, they are making a record on a disc. And, also, the newspapermen in the club car, who are connected with this back platform by this instrument, (indicating microphone) are taking everything down, trying to get a real story that will appear in the headlines. So I have got to disappoint them once more.

As a matter of fact, I know a lot of you good people here are interested in one of the objectives of government -- the stability of crop prices. It is one of the big things that we have let slide this year, and we know what happens to the country when corn and cotton and wheat and other major crops fluctuate up and down the scale and people haven't got any idea, when they plant their crops, what they are going to get for them when they reap them.

That is something, I believe, that modern civilization must solve and can solve -- and I am not speaking in a party spirit, as you know. I think the time has come when the government can devise ways and means which will stabilize prices that farmers get for what they grow. And I believe, too, that that can be done without bankrupting the government.

On this trip I am talking to many people about methods to be used in obtaining these ends. You know, a lot of people mix up objectives with methods and, sometimes, when they don't like the objectives, they say, "Oh, yes, we do like the objectives, but we don't like the methods proposed by this particular fellow." Well, I am not in love with any particular methods but I am in love with the particular objectives which the people are after and I am after.

That is why tomorrow, when I will be in the beet sugar area and cattle area, I will be trying to get at first hand what the people are thinking about; and trying to get at first hand the methods to be used in gaining the objectives, because I am certain that we are together as to what those objectives are.

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