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[Breckenridge & Wilmar, Minnesota]

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INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
from the rear platform of the Presidential special train
Breckenridge, Minnesota
October 4, 1937, 3.10 P.M.

(There were about 15,000 people in the audience.)

I have just told the Governor that I have been making speeches all day but that I would come out to say "Howdy" to you good people. I am glad to be back in Minnesota.

It is all right. The population is not going off (referring to the many children). (Applause)

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INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
from the rear platform of his special train
Willmar, Minnesota
October 4, 1937, 5.50 P.M.

(There were about 8,000 people in the audience.)

I was just saying to Governor Benson, who is a very old friend of mine, as you know, that this stop is not made for a scheduled speech. It is put down on the program as a platform appearance. But I do want to tell you how interesting this trip has been.

We have had a wonderful chance to see conditions all the way from the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast and they are a lot better than they were at this time last year.

I am very glad to come back into Minnesota because, as you know, I have a lot of friends in this State. I have always admired the splendid progressive policies of the State of Minnesota. I have always admired the fact that you people have got what I consider to be a national point of view. So I am just saying "Howdy" to you.

I think that these trips through the country are very essential for anybody that happens to be President of the United States. I have learned a lot and I am coming back at the first opportunity to see you again some time in the next three years. (Applause)

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