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Russellville, Kentucky
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(From the rear platform of his special train. There were about 8,000 people in the audience.)

MY FRIENDS:

I am sorry it is so late and I am sorry it is so dark. I am glad to come here, nevertheless. I am glad to come to Tom Rhea's home town, especially so because he is a very old friend of mine and back in the year 1932, in what we call the dark ages, in that year it was Tom Rhea who did so much to make possible the Kentucky delegation being for my nomination in Chicago.

We have had a wonderful day, a wonderful afternoon and evening in the State of Kentucky, and I am very glad that I have had, as my traveling companion, my old friend, Alben Barkley.

(Applause)

Good luck to you and I hope to come back and see you all some day. Good night.

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