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INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
Boonsville, Arkansas
July 9, 1938, 10.10 A.M.

(Senator Caraway presented the President.)

MY FRIENDS:

I am very glad to come to this section of Arkansas. I have never been in the western part of the State before. I have been talking this morning on the train with a very old friend of mine and a friend of yours, Senator Caraway. (Applause)

I say, "a very old friend" because I have known her for -- I hate to think that it is a quarter of a century. In the Wilson administration, of course, I knew her very distinguished husband when I was a very young Assistant Secretary of the Navy and he was representing this State in the lower House before he went to the Senate.

I have been talking to her about this section of the State and I was particularly interested to know something I did not know before, that the Magazine (Mountain) is the highest point, if you count the Black Hills of the Dakotas as part of the Rockies, it is the highest point of land between the Alleghenies and the Rockies.

I am glad that the Government is doing such fine work in this section, and I am glad also to know, through Senator Caraway, that work is being done on soil erosion in this State, that there is probably more work being done on soil erosion in the State of Arkansas than in any other state in the Union.

I am very firmly convinced that Arkansas is not only going

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I have been thinking for some time about this question of the right of the States to secede from the Union. I have been particularly interested in this question, and I have been particularly interested in the right of the States to secede from the Union. I have been particularly interested in this question, and I have been particularly interested in the right of the States to secede from the Union. I have been particularly interested in this question, and I have been particularly interested in the right of the States to secede from the Union.

to become a very great state by the use of its natural resources of all kinds, if we conserve them properly, but also that it is going to be one of the great playgrounds of America.

But I think, quite frankly, that you need to do more advertising.

It has been fine to be here. I wish I could come in a motor car, in an automobile some day and drive through this section, not only because of its wonderful scenery but also because of its people.

I have been interested also in being told that in this section of the State there is a very large element of the population that comes from the fine old German stock which has done so much to develop the Southwest.

I hope that some day I will be able to come back and get to know you a little bit better than I do now. You have a great future and I know you realize that your National Government is trying to do its best and has been for the last five years in national terms. We want to develop the whole of the country and not just special parts of it. That means that there won't be any sections of the country forgotten any more if we have our way. (Applause)

It is fine to see you. I will say this for this climate, that it is not nearly as hot as Ohio and Kentucky. (Applause)