

July 11, 1938

[Bowie, Texas]

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INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
From the Rear Platform of his Special Train
Bowie, Texas
July 11, 1938, about 11.35 A.M.

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I am going to look around in a minute to see that famous place where Amon Carter started in selling sandwiches.

Grand.

You ought to have an apron on Amon.

(Amon Carter presented the President with biscuits and chicken)

This would not be complete unless I handed Amon a dime.

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Wichita Falls, TX - Informal Remarks

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SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT

WICHITA FALLS,

TEXAS

JULY 11, 1938.

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Governor Allred, I hand you herewith the official appointment as United States District Judge. May you be happy in this post of great responsibility. May you serve the people of the district of the State and of the United States for many years to come.

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*Orig. reading copy (but
changed and added to extensively)*

INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
From the Rear Platform of his Special Train
Wichita Falls, Texas
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GOVERNOR ALLRED, MY FRIENDS OF WICHITA FALLS:

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