Throughout the nation, the men and women forgotten in the political philosophy of the government of the last twelve years look to us here for guidance and for a more equitable opportunity to share in the distribution of national wealth. On the farms, in the large metropolitan areas, in the smaller cities and in our villages, millions of our citizens cherish the hope that their old standards of living and of thought have not gone forever. Those millions cannot hope in vain.

I pledge you, I pledge myself to a new deal for the American people. Let us all here assembled constitute ourselves prophets of a new order of competence and of courage. This is more than a political campaign. It is a call to arms.