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I have been going around this great country trying to talk straight to the American people. I have also done a lot of listening.

If I were an orator perhaps I could say more eloquently what I foresee for America, and if I were a poet perhaps I could sum up more movingly what I hear.

Being what I am, I can only say that two-way communication with my friends and fellow-Americans is for me an essential part of doing my job properly.

I intend to keep my communications open, not in any foolhardy spirit, but by every prudent and practical means. I have complete faith in the good will and good sense of America and in the ability of our competitive political system to produce responsive and responsible leadership for our country's future.

That future will be far brighter than our past, if we all pitch in and work at it.

I know that Illinois will set the pace.

Thank you very much.

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