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A RETROSPECT.

Mr. President, members of the Association of Agricultural
Colleges and Experiment Stations, ladies and gentlemen:

I thank Dr. Thompson, Chairman of the Executive
Committee, for the kind invitation which he has given me
to occupy a part of the unallotted hour of the program and
for the broad discretionary margin which he has kindly al-
lowed me. I think that perhaps I cannot do better than to
give you some of my personal recollections of the movement
of events within the last fifty years, covering a period of
unprecedented activity in every relation of life.

When we look back over the years covered by a
lifetime, it is difficult to realize the extent and charac-
ter of the transition. My recollections go back with toler-
able distinctness to 1842. Andrew Jackson was still alive
and the signal triumph of New Orleans was still fresh in the

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