

CAMPAIGN      SPEECH.

Fellow Citizens:-

In 1908, the republicans of the Second Congressional District made me their nominee for Congress. At the election which followed, the people ratified the choice made by the republicans, and I was thereby elected a representative in the Congress of the United States, the highest and greatest legislative body in the world. I was then, I am now, and I always will be profoundly thankful for the great honor thus conferred upon me.

At the primaries, held on the second day of last August, the republicans again named me as their candidate for Congress. I can not, in words, express my gratitude to the republicans of this district who have thus, the second time, honored me by selecting me as their candidate for Congress. To each and every one who contributed in the least toward my nomination and election in 1908, or to my nomination in 1910, I desire to return my sincere thanks. While I shall remain in public life, I shall do my utmost to merit the confidence which my fellow citizens of the Second Congressional District have reposed in me.



Grateful as I was for the high honor conferred upon me, I entered upon my duties as a member of Congress on the fourth day of March, 1909. In my heart I was determined to make the people of this district an useful and successful representative in Congress. That determination I have kept constantly in mind. My conception of an useful congressman was one who would do things for his constituents; that would be practical in his work; that would be ready to return home at the end of his term with some visible, tangible results which he had accomplished for the benefit of his district. My idea was that practical results would be far more important to my people than any grand-stand plays made with a view to self advertising. I have tried to attain the ideal I had in mind. I have given all of my time, all my energy, and every ability which I possess to the faithful discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the position to which the people elected me, and I assure you that so long as I shall remain your representative in Congress your work, your business, and your interests shall have my exclusive, my entire, my undivided and supreme attention.



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