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such community, boasting an unexamined wealth in everything that a great people may require. Your magnificent West needs only more of population, more of capital, to support the wonderful enterprise and initiative of its people, who have carried its development so far in so short a time.

When I said a moment ago that the character of our institutions, the kind of society we shall develop in this Republic, is bound to be determined largely by these newer regions I had in mind a particular phase of the industrial and commercial problems about which I wish to speak briefly. From the beginning of western development it has been the ambition of these communities to secure the widest diversification of industry, to become so far as possible self-contained and self-supporting. So you have wrought in your mines, your forests, your fields; you have introduced new and varied forms of agriculture; you have established manufactures that a generation ago would have been deemed impossible here. You recognized early, what we of the East are ^{now} coming to realize, the necessity to build up such self-contained societies of widely varied interests and occupations, because in a country of our "magnificent distances" we cannot always place so great a reliance upon transportation in our exchange of products as we have committed ourselves to in the past. In the long run we shall have a more homogeneous, closely knit, and self-reliant nation as we shall the more nearly approach the idea of self-sufficient communities in all parts of the country.

So I want to report to you people of the West the conviction of the Administration that the time has come to adopt a broad policy of encouraging the utilization and development of your resources, human and material. That conservation which would ~~take care of~~ ^{lock up} such riches as