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place to the interest of the community you could not have made your West what it is. Working cooperations on a great scale, practical in operation and adequate to cope with our problems can never be possible except where there is this spirit, determination, and purpose. It is because the West has led so far in devising such workable programs that I have ~~enough~~ thought to say a few words along this line today.

Developments of the last generation have brought the instrumentalities of transportation, of finance, of corporate organization and operation into a closer harmony with the true public interest than ever before. Government has sought to make itself helpful, to point the way, to remove ancient barriers of custom or tradition, and to curb the excessive demands of privilege, in order to cheapen for the great public many of the services which formerly were dominated by private interests and operated with too exclusive a consideration for private profit. Anything tending to break down personal initiative, to destroy enterprise and ambition, must not enter into any program which can hope for the approval of the American people. Ours is an individualistic society, and we want it to remain so. We want this Republic to remain always the land of opportunity wherein every man's abilities and usefulness shall