GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT CALLS CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT AND OTHER INTERSTATE INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

"Before coming here to Warm Springs for a little holiday, I held some important conferences in regard to the unemployment situation and was greatly impressed with the thought that a wider step than any single state could make is imperative.

I am not referring to the emergency which exists now or will exist during the course of this coming winter. Each state is doing the best it can for immediate relief. I am convinced, however, that good results can be obtained from a careful study of the fundamental causes and of all the remedies which have been suggested. These involve large social and business problems as well as matters of definite legislation.

It is of course obvious to you and me that what goes on in one state has very definite connection with what goes on in its neighboring states, and this applies especially to the states of the northeastern part of the country which are largely industrialized.

Therefore it is my thought that good may come from a conference between the governors of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York and that this conference might well be held in Albany sometime toward the latter part of January. Would it be possible for you to arrive in Albany on Friday morning, January 23, and stay through Sunday? That would give us an opportunity to talk things over informally with the possibility of outlining a joint course of study for several states.

There is, as you know, excellent precedent for conferences of this kind, for they have been held in the Southern States, in New England and in the Mountain and Coast States. Perhaps it will be best for us not to have formal meetings open to the public or the press, but rather, at least the first day, to talk things over just among ourselves.

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