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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:-

It is my pleasure to extend to you visiting gentlemen a most hearty welcome to Lufkin. I want to welcome you in behalf of the City, its governing body and its citizens, who are striving to build a metropolis here, not, for their benefit alone, but also for the advantage of representative men like you from other towns and cities who visit us once in a while, and who feel an interest in Lufkin as the central point on this excellent line of rail-way which you Gentlemen take pride in assisting to operate with such efficiency.

We want you to feel free and easy while you are here, because you are among friends. I can assure you, that the people of Lufkin have a specially warm place in their hearts for Railroad men. You are naturally a ~~good~~ bunch of Good Fellows, and we recognize the fact that each of you play a part in carrying on the Commerce of the world. Rail-roads are the great developers; they make towns out of villages, and cities out of towns, and carry the products of the farm to market; and the men who are on the job, who operate the train, whether in the cab or in the coach, in the station or at the key, in the office or on the road, ~~or~~ are all important factors in the process of the development of the country. So let me again extend a cordial welcome to you, the men that do the work, that runs the trains, that haul the passengers, that pay the freight, that draws the trade, that gets the money, that makes our town grow

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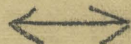
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You are here to promote the principals of "Safty First". 
We, want you to feel so at home, and so welcome in our city, that not only this after-noon, but always hereafter, the two main things that are uppermost in your minds will be "Safety First," and Lufkin next.

Wants to say
We want you to take in the city while you are here. We have recently extended our city limits a mile in each direction so as to give visitors and friends plenty of room. We have seven rail-roads reaching out in nine directions, if you want to go beyond the city limits. We have many miles of good street, and now have an expert road builder with a crew of teams and machinery on the job putting more of them in shape. We have some nice deep sticky mud on our streets in the business district which we want you to look at now, because in a short time these streets will be covered with permanent paving as good as there is in Houston, Dallas or New York, and it will be smooth enough and substantial enough to run a train over. We have a water supply sufficient to accommodate a city fifteen times the size of this, and while the water is a little cloudy right now, the contract has already been made for the installation of a water purification plant, that will give us pure, clear water-- as clear as a crystal, and as pure as melted snow. Work will begin within the next thirty days extending water mains to all parts of the city, which together with some modern fire fighting apparatus will give us the lowest insurance rate of any town of its size in the State. We have a system of schools with buildings and equipment that would do credit to a city of fifty thousand. We have a number of modern industries which we are justly proud of and which we would like to show you.

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Lufkin is now one of the cities in the 5000 class, the official census, taken under the direction of the Angelina County Progressive league, and the city of Lufkin shows an increase over the census of 1900 to be 235%, giving us a population of ~~5000~~ 5124, ^{this} gives us the distinction of the being the largest city between Houston and Shreveport on the line of the H. E. & W. T. Ry

Again, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I bid you Welcome. We extend to your our best hospitality. We trust you will not take too much time for business, but that you will take a little time to look over Lufkin, "The city that is building every minute," and we trust that in the years to come you may be pleased to meet with us many, many times.