

Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony – Mississippi Lignite Mining Co.
Saturday, November 4, 2000
2:00 p.m.
Red Hills Mine, Ackerman, MS

- Good Afternoon. It is a pleasure for me to be here today with Senator Lott, Glenn McCullough, Cliff Miercort, Al Rankin, Paul Thompson & Bob Benson for this Dedication Ceremony.
- When I said economic development is a priority of my administration, I meant it.
- This Grand Opening today is another reinforcement that public and private interests can find common ground and higher levels of new partnerships.
- I want to congratulate Mississippi Lignite Mining Company for their expansion here in Ackerman.
- What an exciting time for this state, and for the people of our state.

- The Advantage Mississippi Initiative sends a message to the Nation that we are serious about economic development in our state.
- A sound, comprehensive marketing plan is now in place
- The Advantage MS Initiative will bring more good jobs to the people of our state, and it helps create a better Quality of Life for Mississippians in all 82 counties of our state.
- Our new plan gives MS the competitive edge over other states.
- I look forward to a productive future together with other state leaders and to a continued good relationship with Mississippi Lignite Mining Co.
- I'm excited to share in this grand opening and ceremony with you today.
- I want to thank the individuals and organizations that were involved in working toward this expansion.

- The nation is taking notice and once again we are proving that Mississippi is “America’s State of Promise”
- Thank You.