

*Remarks for the
Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp. Press Conference
October 25, 2001*

Thank you. What a great day for Milwaukee Electric Tool. What a great day for Greenwood and Leflore County. What a great day for Mississippi!

I'm proud to welcome Milwaukee Electric to Greenwood, where they will manufacture power tools and accessories of the highest quality. This new plant will also bring 200 new, good jobs to the people of this area.

That's good for Mississippi, and I'm excited for the people who will benefit from these jobs.

Milwaukee Electric has been part of Mississippi for nearly 30 years now, opening their first plant in Jackson in 1973. Other plants were subsequently opened in Olive Branch and Kosciusko.

So, as you can tell, Wisconsin and Mississippi share something else besides Brett Favre.

I'm especially proud of the role Mississippi was able to play in bringing this plant to Leflore County.

Training programs at community colleges are helping workers develop and hone the skills to achieve the quality demanded by Milwaukee Electric.

The Growth and Prosperity, or GAP, program of the Advantage Mississippi initiative also played a major role in today's announcement.

Since its passage last year, Advantage Mississippi has been held up as a standard among states. With the GAP program, we were able to offer Milwaukee Electric resources and incentives to bring their plant and their jobs to this area.

In the end, Milwaukee Electric chose Mississippi, and we chose Milwaukee Electric. We recognized a quality business and did everything necessary to bring it to Mississippi.

Good things are happening in Mississippi. We're doing business as never before, and the rest of the country and the world are taking notice.

I can assure you that these efforts will not stop.

But for today, I just want to say to Milwaukee Electric – we're glad you're here. We look forward to keeping a strong relationship going, doing great things for each other.