

CCC Morale Falls.

There are moments when Mr. Roosevelt is a genius at facing two ways at the same moment. At a press conference Friday he said it was his purpose to maintain the civilian conservation corps as a permanent institution, but on the basis of 300,000 men. But he had just added a new outlay of \$75,000,000 to bring it to 600,000. CCC is now about 150,000 short of the proposed reenforcement.

In this decision for forced recruiting the president goes against the judgment of Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Tree association, who finds that "the quality of the boys coming into the CCC now is far below that of previous enlistments," and that "this situation is causing a great deal of concern among officials connected with the forest work, who are quite frank in stating that they are now getting a larger percentage of less desirable enrollees than at any period since the beginning of this work."

Mr. Pack, however, is enthusiastic for permanent maintenance of the CCC, believing it "the greatest investment in human and forest rehabilitation the world has ever seen, and must go on." Probably a great majority of the people are of that conviction, but in agreement with Mr. Pack that character should not be sacrificed for magnitude, for that would destroy the prime purpose of the undertaking.