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Hooker Sr. Named Foreman Counsel

NASHVILLE, April 26.—(AP). — John J. Hooker Sr. will represent Texas attorney Percy Foreman and author William Bradford Huie in a federal court suit filed against them by James Earl Ray, admitted slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hooker, a prominent Tennessee attorney who lives in Nashville, said Saturday that both Foreman and Huie had contacted him about handling the case during the past week.

Ray, who pleaded guilty to murdering King in return for a 99-year prison sentence, is seeking to void contracts with his former attorney and the Alabama novelist and magazine writer.

Ray has charged in the suit that they were more interested in making money than they were in protecting him and that they pressured him into pleading guilty to the murder charge.

The suit also seeks to block publication of Huie's book about Ray which Ray claims is based on information he gave Foreman and his first attorney, Arthur Haynes of Birmingham, Ala., a third defendant in the suit.

In separate legal action in Memphis, where the murder and trial took place, Ray is seeking to reverse his guilty plea and win a new trial. A hearing on the new trial motion is scheduled May 26.

Hooker, whose son John J. Hooker Jr., made an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination to the governorship of Tennessee in the last election, said Saturday he plans to file briefs on his clients' behalf "within the next few days."

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