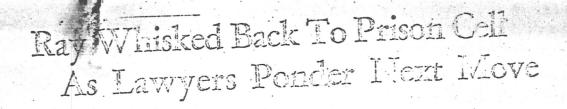
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courtroom where Ray pleaded ing a petition for a writ of By ROBERT KELLETT James Earl Ray was back guilty March 10.

in his cell in Tennessee State Legal observers said various arrest, interrogation and trial. Penitentiary at Nash ille last petitions and appeals could The attorney's also could seek night and his use of accorneys keep the case in courts for a post-conviction hearing in an left behind were creating alyears. wake of promises that the Ray's attorneys contended in overturned.

99-year settence.

quest for a new trial.

man who confessed killing Dr. yesterday's hearing that let-Martin Lutrer King Jr. would ters which their client sent to get a trial yet. The attorneys said they will the on March 13 and March 25 defense attorneys feel that appeal to the Tennessee Court constituted a motion for a new both of these approaches of Criminal Appeals as their trial and that under a Tennes- would be "defrimental" to next manauver to get a new see statute a new trial should their client's case. trial for Ray, now serving a be granted because the judge Presumably, Ray's attor-died while the motion was news, including Memphis law-

lyer Richard J. Ryan, will base "We have lots of steps open being considered. to us, but we will continue in In an opinion that took al-part of their appeal of yester-this manner just now." said most 30 minutes to relate, day's decision on their objecattorney J. E. Stoner of Sa-Judge Faquin agreed with the tion to admission into testimo-

varnah, Ga., after Criminal prosecution that Ray waived ny of minutes of previous Court Judge Archur C. Faquin his right to a new trial when court actions in the case. Jr. granted a state motion that he pleaded guilty. The state's only witness,

struck down the defense's re-guest for a new trial. After citing decisions in nu-Criminal Court Clork J. A. Sheriff William Morris said Faquin said: that recorded Ray's guilty plea .

habeas corpus, which would challenge some phase of his

effort to have the conviction

Ray was taken from the jail "It is the opinion of the court and seatencing. at 3:30 pane through the front that the guilty plea was propdoor and valked to the sheriff's criv, knowingly, intelligently speculation that Ray2 might car. He was taken just outside and voluntarily entered and take the witness stand for the the city for a rendezvous with such a guilty plea precluded take the witness stand for the first time since his arrest in the defense from filing a metal London last June, the defense caravan which returned him to case."

Nashville. The sheriff said none of Ray's lawyers knew of the transfer and Kay was not in his cell whith Hr. Stoner and Ray's group for the swallowed hard twice, leaned his left arm brieff, trial motion, the defendence and then was escorted quickly drew several contentions on to left, when Judge Faquin an hearing. Hefers for state made the swallowed hard twice, leaned trial motion, the defendence and then was escorted quickly drew several contentions on to left, when Judge Faquin an hearing. Hereita for the state made the swallowed hard twice, leaned trial motion, the defendence and then was escorted quickly drew several contentions on to left, because for the swallowed hard twice, leaned trial motion, the defendence and then was escorted quickly drew several contentions on to left, because for the swallowed hard twice, leaned trial motion, the defendence and then was escorted quickly drew several contentions on to left, because for the swallowed hard twice, leaned trial motion, the defendence and then was escorted quickly drew several contentions on to left, because for the swallowed hard twice, leaned trial motion, the defendence hearing.

Jerry, were reliesed admit-tance later in the formation of the Court of Criminal Ap-graphs which had criticized the next op Ray will take decision, Ray's attorneys com appeared to be before an appeal to the Tennessee Su-appeilate of the case by "We're a real court shape there can seek review in feder. Frontation between defense and "We're a real court shape there can seek review in feder. Frontation between defense and prosecution atterneys, J. Clyde ert W. Hill Jr., c Chattaneogal There also are two other Mason, assistant atterney gen-attorney who conducted mest avenues the defense could foll- erel, argued that the state's attorney who conducted most avenues the defense could fol- eroi, argued that the state's of the defense arguments in low. Ray could seek, to have new trial provisions did not the hearing in the Division III his sentence overturned by fil- apply to Ray because "this was not a trial - this was a

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Mr. Lill said later: "If he hasn't had a trial, he probably ought to be turned loose.

ought to be turned 19052. "The only man who could have heard this cause has passed away," he told Jucge Faquin. "If we argued before Judge Battle we would be put in the position of changing his mind, but Judge Battle isn't here."

"We"re convinced that if we put on our proof, it would be overwhelmingly in cur favor," said Mr. Hill.

Mr. Mason was joined in the prosecution by Robert K. 'Bussy' Dwyer, executive assistant attorney general, who was named to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals yesterday, and Lloyd A. Rhodes, administrative assistant attorney general. If an appeal is filed with the appeals court, Mr. Dwyer would net participate in any action the court takes.