

OSWALD'S MOTHER BALKED AT TRIAL

Texas Subpoena Bars Her
From Ruby Courtroom

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DALLAS, March 10 —
prosecution subpoenaed Lee
Oswald's mother today in
to keep her out of the
room where Jack L. Ruby
was for killing her son.
Judge Joe B. Brown
went to Mrs. Marguerite
was asking her to stay
from the court.

But Mrs. Oswald, who
arrived to Dallas from New
last night, notified Sheriff
Decker this morning that she
intended to appear at the
as a spectator.

Shortly before 9 A.M., Mrs.
Oswald arrived in a taxicab and
went to the second floor, where
the morning session was to
begin. As she waited at the
courtroom door, a sheriff's
deputy served her with a sub-
poena and escorted her to the
witness room.

"My dauber is up," Mrs. Os-
wald told newsmen. "I hate to
be pushed around."

Before the jury entered the
courtroom, she was led before
Judge Brown and sworn as a
witness.

Mrs. Oswald did not look at
Ruby during her brief moment
in the courtroom and he did
not seem to recognize her.

Favors Life Sentence

There is little likelihood that
she will be called to testify.
However, the state's stratagem
accomplished two purposes:—
to keep her out of the courtroom when not

on the stand and they are in-
structed not to discuss her case.
"We're not mad at her," one
prosecuting attorney said.
"We're just afraid of what she
might do in the presence of the
jury."
Mrs. Oswald, who has argued
that her son was innocent of
shooting President Kennedy, last

Nov. 22, said last night that
she had hoped Ruby would be
sentenced to life imprisonment
without the possibility of parole.

At noon, after spending the
morning in the witness room,
she left the courthouse to do
what she termed "some investi-
gative work."

There was another flurry of
activity outside the court-
room this morning when sheriff's
deputies seized a middle-aged
man near the courtroom door
and hustled him roughly to the
sheriff's office.

Sheriff Decker said later the
incident had been "only a
misunderstanding." He iden-
tified the man as Leo C. T.
treasurer at Ruby's trial,
who had been subpoenaed as
a defense witness. The sheriff
said Mr. Torti had been