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Ruby Lawyers Cry 'Foul'



JACK RUBY
... fights for life

AUSTIN (AP) — Jack Ruby's lawyers claimed Friday the former strip tease joint operator never had a fair trial, mainly because of uncontrolled news coverage and a book - writing trial judge.

Arguments on Ruby's appeal of his death sentence for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald—identified by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin—began Friday before the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Defense lawyer Elmer Gertz of Chicago based much of his argument for a new trial on the unpublished manuscript of a book written by Dist. Judge Joe Brown of Dallas.

"Judge Brown had the

strange notion he could not control news reporters and television people in and around the Dallas County courthouse to eliminate what he himself called the 'circus atmosphere,'" Gertz said. Then Gertz quoted from what he said was Brown's unpublished manuscript.

"Judge Brown says here sev-

eral times that during the trial there was a 'circus atmosphere.' He also says that he thought if he had to go through the trial again that he would admit only a dozen reporters on a pool basis to the courtroom . . . Brown himself concludes that Jack Ruby did not get full justice."