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MISTRIAL IS RULED IN TEAMSTER CASE

Jury Reaches No Verdict on Partin Conspiracy Charge

BUTTE, Mont., July 8 (AP)—Federal Judge W. D. Murray declared a mistrial today in the conspiracy trial of Edward G. Partin, a Louisiana teamster official, after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

The jury of nine women and three men came in shortly after 4 P.M. It had been deliberating since late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Partin, 48 years old, is business agent for Local 3 of the teamsters' union in Baton Rouge. He was tried here on five counts of conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act after Federal courts in Louisiana had granted a change of venue.

The prosecution alleged that Mr. Partin had used strong-arm extortion tactics in an attempt to gain control of the cement industry in Baton Rouge area.

Government lawyers gave no indication of future plans concerning the charges against Partin, whose testimony in the 1960's helped convict the local union's former president, James E. Hoffa.

It was not clear whether the charges could be tried again or dismissed.

What the Justice Department decides to do, Government lawyers were unavailable for comment.

Mr. Partin remains free on \$25,000 bond, which was posted shortly after he was indicted June 29, 1969.

Smiling broadly, Mr. Partin left the Federal building immediately after a short conference in the judge's chambers with all attorneys present.