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Hearing on Bid To Delay Shaw Trial Monday

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A hearing on a motion to delay the trial of Clay L. Shaw, accused by District Attorney Jim Garrison of participating in a conspiracy to murder the late President Kennedy, was set today for next Monday at 10 a.m.

The hearing was scheduled by Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. following a conference between defense and state attorneys.

JUDGE Haggerty said that both sides agreed to the hearing.

Also to be heard are an alternative motion for a change of venue if the delay is not granted and a supplemental application for a bill of particulars.

The judge Monday will hear oral arguments only.

Shaw's attorneys have asked the court for a six-month delay of the trial,

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charging that publicity and actions by Garrison and his staff made a fair trial for Shaw impossible here now or in the near future.

If the court denies the delay, the defense asks that the trial be moved to another jurisdiction.

The DA's office has partially acquiesced in the request for a delay, indicating it would go along with a "reasonable delay" but not a six-month delay.

ASSISTANT DA James L. Alcock has said he does not believe the trial can begin until after the Christmas season. The DA's office has not otherwise specified what it means "reasonable delay."

The state is opposing both the change of venue and the request for a supplemental bill of particulars.

Alcock has said that if a fair trial is impossible it is because of actions by Shaw and his attorneys and not because of actions by the state.