Angela Davis Shortens Case

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Angela Davis murder-kidnap conspiracy trial yesterday was recessed until Monday to allow the defense to prepare an abbreviated case it estimated could send the trial to the jury by June 1.

Defense Attorney Howard Moore Jr. told Superior Court Judge Richard C. Arnason that he and his colleagues felt the extra time would allow them to argue a "complete case in very short order."

Arnason granted the motion "with some reluctance." The prosecution used seven weeks in presenting its case against Miss Davis, and Moore pointed out that already the trial transcript runs more than 6,000 pages. The prosecution presented 95 witnesses and more than 200 exhibits.