

GARRISON CALLS PLOT CONTRIVED

Tells Jury Informer Was
'Prime Mover' in Case

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NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 25— District Attorney Jim Garrison, on trial for bribery and conspiracy, told the jury today that a spy for the Federal Government had been the "prime mover" in putting together the conspiracy.

Giving a summation before the jury in Federal District Court here, the district attorney said that the spy was "the essential factor, the manager, the prime mover."

"He is a man brilliant enough to put together conspiracy where none existed," Mr. Garrison said.

The district attorney has been charged by United States Attorney Gallinghouse with bribery and conspiracy to protect illegal pinball machine gambling. The trial is in its sixth week. Mr. Garrison is acting as his own defense attorney.

A key part of the Government's case revolved around tape recordings that the government informer, Pershing O. Gervais, formerly Mr. Garrison's chief investigator and friend, obtained with the help of Internal Revenue Service

agents. Mr. Gervais also allegedly delivered marked bribe money to Mr. Garrison.

"We are dealing," Mr. Garrison said, "with a man named Gervais who is guilty of manipulating everybody, from I.R.S. agents, to a district attorney who might be naive in some respects, to the very Federal Government in Washington itself."

Mr. Garrison maintained that the district attorney's office had vigorously enforced the pinball gambling law and that any lack of vigor in prosecuting pinball machine owners could be traced to the fact that Louisiana until 1972 had no immunity law protecting witnesses.

Mr. Garrison also attacked the integrity of one of the Government tapes, calling them "magic tapes, because there's so much you can do with them."

He reviewed testimony by an expert witness, Dr. Louis Gerst-

man, professor of psychology and speech and hearing sciences at City College, City University of New York, who said he had found evidence of "fraudulent fabrications" on one of the tapes.

Following Mr. Garrison's summation, Mr. Gallinghouse began the Government's rebuttal.