

# Court Upholds Dismissal Of Suit Against Governor

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a lower

court dismissal of a \$15-million suit against the governor and other state officials.

Patrick G. Martone, a member of the Teamsters Local No. 5 in Baton Rouge, filed charges against Gov. John McKeithen, the Louisiana Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry and the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury.

Martone said he was denied his constitutional rights in connection with his 1967 indictment on a charge of aggravated arson. The grand jury indictment was for the March 1963 bombing of the Southern Life Insurance Co. building in Baton Rouge.

Martone charged in his suit that McKeithen and the other defendants conspired to assassinate his character, destroy Teamsters Local No. 5 and to discredit Edward Grady Partin, the union's business manager now under federal indictment on conspiracy and extortion charges.

He said the labor-management commission bribed witnesses to obtain fraudulent testimony used in procuring the arson indictment.

Martone's suit was dismissed earlier by Judge E. Gordon West of U.S. District Court in Baton Rouge.

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