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## Partin Retrial Date to Be Set In Montana

BILLINGS Mont. (AP) — U.S. Dist. Judge James F. Battin said today he would assume jurisdiction and file an order for a retrial of Louisiana Teamster official Edward Grady Partin "within the next two weeks." Partin, 46, is charged with three counts of violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and two counts of extortion. A 16½-day trial with U.S. Dist. Judge W. D. Murray presiding in Butte ended in a mistrial.

Battin received the case after Murray withdrew because "government attorneys consider my presence would not contribute to further fair deliberation." Before withdrawing, Murray had set Nov. 1 as the date for a new trial.

Battin said Partin's new trial may have to be set further back than Nov. 1 because of a heavy schedule, which he said he has to rearrange to fit it in.

He said Butte would "not necessarily be the trial location" but did not say where the trial would be held.

"The trial location is usually at the discretion of the court," said Battin.