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**New Tarrants
Motion Loses**

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MERIDIAN, Miss. — The defense for Thomas Albert Tarrants III failed again Monday in a renewed effort to get the state to pay for the convicted Klu Klux Klansman's appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Defense attorney Roy Pitts filed the motion asking Lauderdale County circuit Judge Lester Williamson to reconsider his ruling last Thursday that Tarrants was not a pauper.

The judge set the hearing on the motion Monday morning but the state successfully challenged any renewed hearing on the matter.

Dist. Atty. George Warner moved to strike Pitts' motion on grounds that the same thing had been covered Thursday. Following arguments for both sides, Judge Williamson sustained the district attorney.

Two weeks ago Tarrants was sentenced to 30 years in the state prison after a jury found him guilty as charged in the attempted bombing of the home of a Meridian businessman. He also faces charges of three counts of attempted murder in connection with the incident but arraignment on these charges has been continued until May.