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Many Witnesses Due at Rackets Probe

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Many witnesses will be summoned next month to a closed-door session of the state agency probing alleged racketeering in labor and management relations.

Chairman Cecil Morgan of the Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry said last night the group hopes to develop leads for action in public hearings planned before Jan. 1.

The special agency set up by the Legislature to deal with a two-month shutdown of industrial and other construction projects in the Baton Rouge area last summer held a day-long session here yesterday.

MORGAN SAID THE group set another closed-door meeting for Nov. 14. He said subpoenas

will be issued for "a large number of witnesses" to appear before the commission about that time.

Meanwhile, James H. Gill, contractors' association official, said a charge by Teamster local official Edward Partin that he carried a \$1 million bribe offer in an alleged attempt to buy James Hoffa's way out of prison was "completely and utterly false."

Gill promised every possible legal step would be taken to see that Partin is called to account for the charge. Partin made the charge in a U.S. District Court motion in which he seeks to have a federal judge recall an order to force him to answer questions in a \$3 million anti-trust suit.

PARTIN IS ACCUSED of conspiring with concrete firms to force Altex Ready-Mix Concrete out of business.

The local Teamster official gave testimony in the government's jury tampering case against Hoffa that led to the imprisonment of Hoffa, national Teamster president.

Gill said the statement by Partin, business agent for Teamster Local No. 5 here, that he carried the bribe offer "is another of a series of irresponsible and untrue statements designed to mislead and misinform the public."

Gill, a former executive assistant to Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., blamed Partin for last summer's labor-management crisis.

"I am the most recent in a series of persons who supposedly has offered Partin \$1 million or some other amounts of money. Only heaven knows who Partin will accuse next," Gill said.