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Chicago Judge Refuses to Bar Official's

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CHICAGO, Feb. 2—State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan lost today his last chance in the local courts to avoid trial on charges that he obstructed justice in the Chicago Black Panther case.

Judge Philip Romiti of Criminal Court refused to quash the indictment against Mr. Hanrahan, one of his assistants and 12 Chicago policemen.

The ruling was another blow to Mr. Hanrahan's chances for re-election as well as a lift to Mayor Richard J. Daley in his effort to block Mr. Hanrahan's attempt to win the Democratic nomination to the highly sensitive office.

The State's Attorney, who is Cook County's chief prosecutor, sought to have the indictment dismissed on the grounds that the special prosecutor in the case, Barnabas F. Sears, had erred in his presentation to a special Cook County grand jury and that there had been undue delay in the grand jury's deliberations.

The defendants also contended that it was too late under the law to prosecute them and that the indictment was invalid because there were no charges that a crime had been committed.

Finds 'Little Merit'

Judge Romiti said today that he found "little merit" in three of these arguments. He added that the language of the indictment "leaves much to be desired" in that it did not state a specific offense, but he said this did not warrant dismissing the indictment.

The judge's ruling ended the last chance Mr. Hanrahan and the other defendants had to challenge the indictment in the local courts.

The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled against the defendants in an earlier attempt to block the indictment. The only apparent course open to them is to try to take the case to the United States Supreme Court, and there was no agreement among defense lawyers this afternoon that this would be attempted.

Mr. Hanrahan was a political protégé of Mayor Daley and, until his indictment last August, was considered a possible successor to the Mayor as a leader of the powerful Cook County Democratic organization.

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But he is now charged with attempting to protect the policemen he had assigned to raid a Black Panther apartment in Chicago's West Side ghetto in December, 1969. In the raid, two Black Panther leaders, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, were killed by police gunfire.

Mr. Hanrahan is also accused of presenting evidence he knew

was false against seven Black Panthers who survived the raid. Indictments against the survivors on charges of attempted murder were later dismissed by Mr. Hanrahan.

Despite the indictments against him Mr. Hanrahan in early December was endorsed for re-election by the Cook County Democratic organization, a move that virtually assured him of victory in the March 21 primary.

But two weeks later, in the face of outcries from other endorsed Democratic candidates for other offices and from the city's black leaders, Mayor Daley withdrew the machine's backing from the State's Attorney.

Defying the Mayor, Mr. Hanrahan refused to withdraw from the race. He is now campaigning against Judge Raymond K. Berg of the Traffic Court, the organization's new candidate, and against Donald Page Moore, a prominent Chicago lawyer who is running as an independent Democrat.

Indictment in Panther Case

When he refused to withdraw, Mr. Hanrahan lost whatever protection he had from the Daley machine and the judges it had helped nominate and elect.

He and his fellow defendants now face arraignment tomorrow before Judge Romiti. If no

appeal is made to the Supreme Court, pretrial motions will be heard by Judge Romiti later in February.

Asked today when a trial might be expected to start, Judge Romiti replied that, if there were no more interruptions, it could begin by mid-March.