Mitchell, Stans Trial

New York

A federal judge yesterday refused to postpone the September 11 perjury trial of former Nixon Cabinet members John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans on charges of perjury, conspiracy and obstructing justice.

Mitchell's lawyers promptly filed a new motion for an indefinite continuance because the government had linked the New York case to the Watergate scandal.

U.S. District Judge Lee P. Gagliardi notified attorneys that the 'case will proceed on September 11," barring unforseen developments.

Mitchell, former U.S. attorney general, and Stans, former commerce secretary, were indicted by a federal grand jury along with fugitive financier Robert Vesco and former New Jersey State Senate majority leader Harry L. Sears.

They are accused of trying to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Vesco's affairs in return for a \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's campaign.

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