

Judge Won't OK Jacobsen 'Deal'

Dallas

Refusing to recognize a Justice Department "plea bargain" deal with Texas lawyer Jake Jacobsen, U.S. District Judge Robert M. Hill said yesterday it would not be in the interest of justice to drop bribery charges against Jacobsen.

Hill could appoint a special prosecutor to press the charges against Jacobsen if the Justice Department refuses to do so.

U.S. Attorney Frank McCown, acting on behalf of the Justice Department, refused Thursday to prosecute Jacobsen because the Austin attorney had agreed to testify for the government in the

opening bribery trial of former Treasury Secretary John Connally.

But Hill said yesterday he still would not recognize the deal, saying that "The government in its bargain with Jacobsen made a promise to Jacobsen that it could not guarantee."

Jacobsen has already pleaded guilty to a bribery charge in Washington. The government believes Jacobsen will testify that he gave Connally \$10,000 from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., a dairy cooperative, in return for Connally's help in getting milk subsidies increased.