

**JUDGE VOIDS CHARGE
IN EARLY HOFFA CASE**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 20 (AP) — Federal District Judge William E. Miller dismissed today the five-year-old conspiracy charges that ultimately led to James R. Hoffa's conviction and eight-year prison sentence for jury tampering.

The Teamster president's trial on the conspiracy charges was voided when the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Hoffa was later indicted for tampering with the jury, however, and was convicted in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1964. He is now serving a Federal prison sentence in Pennsylvania.

United States Attorney Gilbert Merritt asked that the conspiracy charges be dismissed because a trial would require a long court session for a misdemeanor case and Hoffa was already imprisoned on felony charges.

In the conspiracy trial in 1962, Hoffa was accused of conspiring with a Michigan car-hauling company to violate the provision of the Taft-Hartley Act banning payoffs from employers to union officials.

The Government accused Hoffa of sharing more than \$1-million in illegal payments from a truck leasing venture set up in his wife's maiden name. Hoffa contended he never received a dime.