

\$15 Million Suit Against Gov. McKeithen Dismissed

BATON ROUGE (AP) — A \$15 million federal damage suit filed against Gov. John McKeithen by a Teamsters Union member was thrown out today by U.S. Dist. Court Judge E. Gordon West.

The teamster, Patrick G. Martone, alleged in the suit that McKeithen, members of his Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury had conspired in procuring an indictment against him.

Martone, who faces an arson indictment in connection with the bombing of a construction site in 1963, had alleged a plot existed to "destroy" Teamsters Business Agent Edward Grady Partin of Baton Rouge.

ASHTON STEWART, attorney for the defendants, asked

the court for dismissal on grounds they were all public officials carrying out the performance of their duty.

"It is my opinion that the motion to dismiss is good and will be granted," Judge West said.

The judge also said he felt there were grounds to dismiss for failure to comply with federal procedural rules in setting out the allegations in a concise manner.

He said he felt the lengthy

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petition might be construed as an attempt to gain "a forum or possibly pursue some

LOCAL PAYS PARTIN TAX

BATON ROUGE (AP)—The State Revenue Department said today Teamsters Local No. 5 of Baton Rouge has paid Edward Grady Partin's state income taxes for the years 1960 through 1966. A spokesman for the department said a \$2,747 check has been received from the local, which represents its business agent's state taxes for the seven-year period plus interest and court costs. The department filed suit in 19th Judicial Court against the union for Partin's 1960-65 unpaid taxes in February, 1967. A second suit was filed in August for the 1966 taxes.

personal vendetta" against the governor and other officials.

THE ALLEGATIONS of a false indictment could be determined in the course of criminal proceedings, West said.

He said he felt that to deny the dismissal motion would constitute the "grossest kind of violation" of the right of freedom of speech.