

Judge Vows Speedy Trial For Gremillion

Federal District Judge Fred J. Cassibry has promised a speedy trial for Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion on a federal indictment charging him with five counts of perjury.

Gremillion, 56, pleaded innocent yesterday through his attorney, H. Alva Brumfield, and was given five weeks to file technical pleadings attacking the charges.

It is charged that Gremillion testified falsely before a federal grand jury Jan. 21, 1969, in a probe of the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp. Since then Gremillion and four others have been indicted on 16 counts of conspiracy, mail fraud and fraud in the sale of securities in the LL&T case.

GREMILLION also was indicted several weeks ago for allegedly falsely telling the previous grand jury he did not own LL&T stock and denying other financial interests in the corporation.

Brumfield yesterday asked the court for 90 days to prepare his pleading but this was opposed by U.S. Attorney Gerald J. Gallinghouse, who termed the case "a very simple matter," presenting only the question of the truth or falsity of the allegations.

Urging the court not to allow more than 15 days for preliminary pleadings, Gallinghouse said the government is ready to try the case at any time—next week if the court is available.

BRUMFIELD countered, "This is a very serious matter involving charges against the attorney general of the state, the state's chief legal officer."

In setting the five-week time limit, Judge Cassibry warned he will allow no further delay but will try the case quickly.