

U.S. to Press For Early Trial Of Gremillion

U.S. Attorney Gerald J. Gallinghouse today said his office would press for an early trial of State Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion on a five-count perjury indictment.

Gremillion is accused of testifying falsely when he appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the affairs of the financially troubled Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp.

Yesterday Gremillion filed a motion asking a delay in the proceedings. It was followed by an opposition filed by Gallinghouse.

Gremillion also is under indictment with four others on 16 counts of conspiracy, mail fraud and fraud in the sale of securities in connection with the LL&T operation.

In yesterday's motion Gremillion stated the delay is necessary to prevent unfairness in forcing the defendant to choose whether to exercise his testimonial rights or to remain silent.

He said it is necessary in order to allow him "the full exercise of his constitutional rights to remain silent."

Gallinghouse today said Federal District Judge Fred J. Cassibry has set a hearing on the Gremillion motion and Gallinghouse's opposition for 2 p.m. Sept. 2.