

Nov. 24 Set For Hearing on Marcello Bid

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals announced today it will conduct hearings at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 24 in Tampa, Fla., on motions for a new trial for rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

Yesterday the court agreed to hear six technical motions made on behalf of Marcello, who is now serving a six-month sentence for intimidating an FBI agent in 1968.

The motions, which had been denied earlier by a federal district court in Houston, contend the grand jury was improperly composed and was influenced by prejudicial publicity and that the government's chief witness, FBI agent Patrick Collins Jr., perjured himself during the trial.

The case will be heard by Judges John R. Brown and David W. Dyer of the court of appeals and District Judge Edwin F. Hunter of Lake Charles.

Marcello originally was sentenced to two years in prison but this was reduced to six months. He now is confined at the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Mo.