

Third Delay In Mitchell Trial

New York

A federal judge yesterday agreed to postpone the trial of former cabinet officers John Mitchell and Maurice Stans on charges of obstruction of justice.

Although no date was set, the trial — which had been scheduled to begin next Wednesday — will probably begin in mid-February.

Mitchell, the former attorney general, and Stans, the former commerce secretary, are accused of attempting to influence an investigation by the securities and exchange commission of New Jersey financier Robert L. Vesco in exchange for a \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign in 1972.

Judge Lee Gagliardi, who will preside at the trial, granted the motion for a delay in behalf of Mitchell's lawyer, Peter Fleming, who is engaged in a major stock fraud trial in Oklahoma City.

Yesterday's delay was the third granted to the defense since the trial was first scheduled to begin early last September.

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