

Hopeful Strategy in JFK Perjury Case

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Dean Andrews, charged with perjury in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination, prepared today for final arguments in his fight to oust Garrison as prosecutor in his case.

JURY-PICKING

Andrews, 44, summoned as witnesses three major probe figures: Insurance salesman Perry R. Russo; Dr. Esmond Fatter, a specialist in hypnosis, and Coroner Nicholas Chetta.

"I hope to bust something loose someplace," said Andrews, a lawyer who is handling his own defense. "Fat man's got to go to the whip."

If the motion to oust Garrison and his assistants fails, Judge Frank J. Shea plans to get started on picking a five-man jury.

Since the trial started Wednesday, Andrews has had a difficult time.

Time and again his questioning of the 20 witnesses he called was cut off as irrelevant, leaving Andrews in frustration.

Normally jolly, Andrews became glum and preoccupied.

At one brief recess, Andrews briefly wept — the tears hidden by dark glasses.

SUSPENDED

Andrews was suspended as assistant district attorney of

suburban Jefferson Parish pending the outcome of the case and he says he is broke.

Shea over-ruled Andrews' motion yesterday to quash the indictment.

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The motion is based on a claim the grand jury that indicted him was illegal because wage earners systematically were barred.

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'Fat Man' Loses in JFK Probe

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Andrews, 44, had three witnesses subpoenaed. However, when court opened he rested his case. Judge Frank J. Shea denied his motion to dump Garrison and recessed court pending arrival of the jury venire. A five-man jury will be selected for the trial — the first one in the controversial assassination probe.

Andrews acted as his own defense attorney in the ouster fight, but brought in a lawyer to represent him in the perjury trial itself.

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