

Martone Seeks McKeithen Suit Review

The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal in New Orleans has been asked to direct a federal district judge to hear a \$15 million damage suit against Gov. John J. McKeithen and other officials.

The petition was filed with the appeal court by Lafayette attorney J. Mino Simon on behalf of Patrick Martone, a member of Teamsters Local No. 5 at Baton Rouge.

The petition asks the court set aside District Court Judge E. Gordon West's dismissal of a suit and order him to "protect Martone's rights from further invasion."

Judge West on Feb. 16 dismissed the suit by Martone which charged that McKeithen, and some members and the staff of the Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry and an East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury conspired to violate his rights.

The suit claimed the conspiracy caused the grand jury to indict Martone for the bombing of a construction site in 1963.

Simon has also filed a petition with the Louisiana Supreme Court asking that a state district court be directed to give a swift trial to Roderick Jenkins on charges stemming from an attack on a work crew in Iberville Parish last month.

Jenkins is charged with four counts of conspiracy to commit battery in the daylight attack which triggered official indignation and ultimately the suspension from office of Iberville Sheriff Jessel Ourso.

The petition alleges that Jenkins was working in Baton Rouge when the attack occurred.