

## 2 INVESTIGATORS HIRED

# Another Year Seen In Rackets Probe

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BATON ROUGE—The investigation and prosecution of charges in the probe of racketeering in the Baton Rouge industrial area may take another year to finish, Attorney Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion said today.

Gremillion disclosed that two investigators for the Labor-Management Commission already have joined his staff and two others may soon follow.

**TRANSFER OF** the investigators to Gremillion's staff is being done to avoid loss of the high-priced agents who have been with the program since it was begun on a cash basis nearly a year ago.

Gremillion said James Curley and Nick Ross have been issued commissions and that Joseph Oster and Ray Ruiz may join his staff if they desire.

He said the investigators would be operating directly under his supervision and probably would be working out of both his office and the Labor-Management Commission office.

The Civil Service Commission has ordered investigators for the commission to go under Civil Service this month, with a pay scale of less than \$500 a month. The investigators have been paid from \$50 to \$100 a day for the chief investigator.

Gremillion said Gov. John J. McKeithen had asked his office to finish the investigation of alleged violations of the law, but added he is not di-

rectly involved in the Labor-Management Commission inquiry.

**THE SALARY** of the investigators has not yet been set, he said, adding that McKeithen had agreed to furnish his office the necessary additional funds.

Gremillion said that more than 140 charges have been filed by his office through various local officials. "We are not trying to supersede any of them," he said "all of them have been cooperative."

He said, "The investigation will continue for at least a year or longer. Quite a few cases are felonies and it takes longer, the law is pretty slow."

McKeithen, Gremillion said, asked his help shortly after the shooting incident in Iberville Parish in connection with which a large number of the criminal charges have been filed.

Gremillion also noted that his office has been defending the labor-management act in a civil action seeking removal of Iberville Parish Sheriff Jessel Ourso pending.