

Jury in Tennessee Studies Charges of Hoffa Bribery

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 3 (AP)—A Federal grand jury went into session today to investigate reports that Government witnesses had been bribed and coerced in an attempt to win freedom for James R. Hoffa, the teamsters union president.

District Judges Frank Gray Jr. and William E. Miller ordered the inquiry last month after a former Federal investigator, Walter Sheridan, said attempts were being made "to this day" to have witnesses change their testimony.

The investigation grows out of Hoffa's Nashville trial in 1962 on a charge of conspiring to violate laws governing union and management interests.

The case resulted in a mistrial when jurors could not reach a verdict. But Hoffa was convicted of tampering with the jury and sentenced to eight years in prison.