

Dean Andrews Seeks to Bar Perjury Trial

Attorney Dean A. Andrews filed suit today in Federal District Court asking for a temporary restraining order and injunction forbidding his prosecution on a perjury charge growing out of his testimony in the trial of businessman Clay L. Shaw.

Andrews also asked a special pre-judge federal court be convened and it declare the Louisiana perjury statute unconstitutional. Defendants in the suit include District Attorney Jim Garrison, State Attorney Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion, Gov. John J. McKeithen and Secretary of State Wade O. Martin Jr.

ANDREWS CLAIMS in the suit that for consideration of abandoning his appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court of his conviction and 18-month sentence on a previous perjury count the district attorney offered to dismiss the pending case, which has been set for trial on June 19. The

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attorney charges this bargain was offered to him through attorneys John Dowling and Michael F. Barry by Executive Asst. D. A. James Alcock.

Andrews earlier this week filed a suit in Criminal District Court charging Garrison perjured himself when he testified in Andrews' perjury trial.

IN HIS SUIT today, Andrews charged the DA's office has warned him if he goes to trial he could receive a five-year sentence and would remain in Parish Prison until an appeal by him was settled.

Andrews says in his suit he could be forced "to sit in Parish Prison a year" until an appeals court ruled on his case.

His suit alleges the DA's office is forcing him to go on trial on a perjury charge that is deemed criminal but provides no punishment under Louisiana law. He says that if found guilty, his punishment would be pronounced under a separate statute that would cause him to remain in jail for a year pending appeal.