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Witness Against Hoffa Indicted in New Orleans

Labor Official Charged With Conspiracy and Extortion

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NEW ORLEANS, June 20— Federal grand jury indicted today Edward Grady Partin, Baton Rouge labor figure, on five counts of conspiracy and extortion. Partin was a key Government witness in the trial that sent James R. Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to prison.

Partin was indicted in Federal District Court with one other individual and three corporations. Bond was set at \$25,000 by Judge Herbert W. Christenberry and must be posted in Baton Rouge by July 18.

Indicted with Partin were Ted F. Dunham of Baton Rouge, and Dunham Concrete Products Inc.; Louisiana Ready-Mix Company, Inc., and Anderson-Dunham, Inc.

The indictment listed Dunham as an officer of the three companies and Partin as business manager, secretary and treasurer of the General Truck Drivers, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 5.

Conspiracy Charges

The indictment charges that the defendants conspired to obstruct and delay construction projects that used competitors' concrete products, to give truck drivers and concrete equipment operators less favorable terms than those ex-



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Edward Grady Partin

tended to Dunham companies, and to fix prices and prescribe areas of sale of concrete products.

The defendants were also charged with two counts of extortion through strikes, work stoppages and physical violence at construction sites in Louisiana.

It was in 1962 that Partin's testimony led to Hoffa's conviction of jury tampering for which he drew a seven-year prison sentence in 1964.

Before testifying for the Government, Partin was in a Baton Rouge jail on a kidnapping charge. He was also facing 26

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counts under a Federal indictment accusing him of embezzlement and falsification of union records.

Partin had been in jail nine days on the kidnapping charge when he convinced Justice Department officials that he had information about Hoffa that would be of value.

The children of a teamster whom Partin had been charged with kidnapping were suddenly returned to the courthouse one night and Partin was released on a \$5,000 bond. He was never tried on the charge, and the Federal indictment for embezzlement and falsification was never pushed.

There were suggestions that Partin had been protected by the Justice Department for his testimony against Hoffa.

Hoffa Is Transferred

CHICAGO, June 20 (AP)— James Hoffa and Sam Battaglia, a reputed crime syndicate leader, have been transferred from Federal prisons to Chicago for hearings to determine if they were convicted illegally.

Lawyers contend that the two were illegally convicted because they had not been shown wiretap evidence during their separate trials.

The Supreme Court ruled earlier this year that defendants had a right to see all wiretap evidence used against them.