

Arrestment Set for B.R. Union Boss

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Edward Grady Partin, business agent for Teamsters Union Local No. 5 here, faced arraignment in federal court today on charges of conspiracy and extortion.

He was indicted on five counts by a federal grand jury in New Orleans July 19, accused of conspiring with three Louisiana concrete suppliers to monopolize trade in concrete products.

Partin, whose testimony helped convict Teamster President James Hoffa on a federal charge of trying to fix a jury, said his indictment was the result of his role in Hoffa's trial.

"I had no trouble at all, personally or as a labor leader, until 1964 when I testified in the government's case against James R. Hoffa," said Partin.

Indicted with Partin was Ted F. Dunham Jr. of Baton Rouge, who controls the three concrete firms involved in the case.

The indictment charged that since early 1966 the defendants coerced industrial purchases of concrete products to deal solely with the Dunham companies.

The alleged coercion, the indictment said, was handled through strikes, work stoppages and property damage at construction sites.

The Baton Rouge firms named were Dunham Concrete Products, Inc.; Louisiana Ready Mix Co., Inc., and Anderson-Dunham, Inc.