

New Judge Assigned to Partin Case

BATON ROUGE (AP)—U.S. Dist. Court Judge E. Gordon West has assigned the conspiracy trial of a concrete magnate and controversial union boss to a Montana federal judge temporarily on the bench in this region.

West took the action yesterday, assigning Judge William D. Murray to the case after U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger assigned Williams to Louisiana's Eastern District until Dec. 1 or beyond if necessary.

Baton Rouge Teamster Local Boss Edward Grady Partin and Ted Dunham Jr., along with three Dunham concrete firms, were indicted by a federal grand jury in New Orleans on charges of conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce and extortion in a concrete products war here.

Both have pleaded innocent and no trial date has been set.

West took himself off the case saying only that justice would best be served if he did not participate.