

Partin Case Hearing Set For February

BATON ROUGE (AP) — U.S. Dist. Judge William D. Murray will conduct a hearing Feb. 4 on defense motions to dismiss federal anti-trust and extortion charges against Baton Rouge Teamster boss Edward G. Martin.

Murray, assigned to Louisiana on a temporary basis from Butte, Mont., set the hearing after a closed door meeting with defense attorneys for Partin and Ted Dunham Jr., Baton Rouge concrete executive.

They were indicted in June by a federal grand jury in New Orleans on charges of extortion and violation of the anti-trust act by allegedly conspiring to eliminate competition in the concrete business.

Murray said the February hearing will be limited to motions by Partin to dismiss the charges or grant him a change of venue. Partin contends he is immune from prosecution because of testimony he gave before a federal grand jury.

The men were indicted for allegedly attempting to coerce purchasers of concrete products into dealing with Dunham companies by threatening strikes, work stoppages and property damage by members of Partin's Teamsters Local No. 5.