

Perjury Count Plea Lost by Gremillion

Federal District Court Judge Fred J. Cassibry today denied motions to dismiss a perjury indictment against Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion growing out of his involvement with the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp.

Judge Cassibry also denied motions to postpone the perjury trial until after Gremillion is brought to court on fraud charges.

In addition, the judge refused to enjoin what the defense considered prejudicial pretrial publicity.

IN ALL, Judge Cassibry rejected 19 of 24 motions which the defense made in an Oct. 14 hearing.

The motions granted dealt with the production of the names of government witnesses, the protection of evidence, and the inspection of evidence.

Gremillion is charged with testifying falsely on Jan. 21, 1969, before a federal grand jury investigating the financially insolvent LL&T Corp.

He and four others were indicted by that grand jury for conspiracy, mail fraud and fraud in the sale of securities.

A subsequent grand jury indicted the attorney general for perjury.

GREMILLION HAS pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The perjury indictment claimed that he testified falsely when he denied that he had stock in the corporation, had an "economic interest" in LL&T, and granted a proxy for his shares for a July, 1967, shareholders meeting.

The indictment also charged that Gremillion testified falsely when he claimed a \$700 check dated April 15, 1967, and noted "Dividend No. 1" was a campaign contribution.

JUDGE CASSIBRY did not set a date for the perjury trial. The fraud cases are pending before Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe, who is considering a number of motions.

Defense attorney H. Alva Brumfield had sought to have the perjury indictment dismissed because of what he termed grand jury bias.