

Partin Prosecution Delayed by Funeral

BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—A Louisiana contractor who testified he was shot in the back with a shotgun blast in 1968, and the burly self-proclaimed Teamster muscleman who says he did the shooting, wound up the prosecution's case yesterday in the Butte trial against Edward Grady Partin.

W.O. Bergeron of Baton Rouge was the last to testify in the two-week old trial in which the government is attempting to prove Partin conspired with a concrete producer, Ted F. Dunham Jr., in an attempt to control the Baton Rouge cement business.

Due to the death of the father of prosecutor Wilfred J. Whitley Jr., however, the government did not rest its case even though its last witness had been called. Whitley left for his father's funeral in North Carolina late Thursday.

THE JURY will report 9:30

a.m. Monday and the defense will take over its case if the prosecution rests.

Bergeron said he was hit in the head and body by shotgun pellets when armed Teamster strong arm men raided his construction site. McClanahan testified Thursday he led the raid on Bergeron's job site under orders from Partin.

McClanahan wound up his testimony before Bergeron took the stand yesterday, saying his work for the Louisiana Teamsters local boss had left him disillusioned.

"That is why I'm here," he said under cross-examination.

In the last minutes of his testimony, which stretched over two days, McClanahan said he did "not particularly enjoy violence" and that, while working for Partin, he felt he was only doing his job.

"I was working for liars and thieves," he said.

Jimmy Hoffa Makes 2nd Bid For Parole

WASHINGTON (AP) — James R. Hoffa has made a new bid for freedom from federal prison but not until he shed all vestiges of office in the giant Teamsters Union he once controlled.

In an application filed late yesterday by his son with the U.S. Board of Parole, Hoffa seeks reconsideration of the board's refusal last March to parole him from a 13-year term for mail fraud and jury tampering.

The timing of the move—the day after his resignation from all offices in Teamsters affiliates—heightened speculation the Nixon administration had passed word that Hoffa's only chance for early release was a complete break with the union.

Chairman George J. Reed said the parole board would consider the application for a rehearing on July 7, three days after the Teamsters are to select a new president at their Miami Beach convention.