

Gremillion's Trial Begins

Selection of a jury was begun here today for the trial of state Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion, accused of perjury in connection with his testimony before a federal grand jury investigating the activities of the bankrupt Louisiana Loan & Thrift Corp.

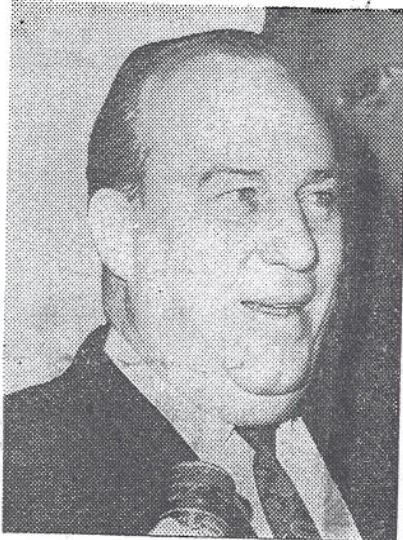
Gremillion, who last May won an acquittal on charges of fraud and conspiracy in the LL&T case, listened with his wife as 22 of the first 100 prospective jurors were excused before the luncheon recess. Those excused included prospective jurors who said they felt Gremillion could not get a fair trial or those who had preconceived opinions in the case.

TWELVE JURORS and two alternates are necessary for the trial before U.S. District Court Judge Fred J. Cassibry on the indictment charging Gremillion with five counts of perjury Jan. 21, 1969.

Cassibry told prospective jurors the trial would last six to nine days.

The attorney general is accused of falsely testifying that he had no stock in the corporation; that he had no "economic interest" in the firm; that he granted no voting proxy for his stock at a July 11, 1967, stockholders' meeting, and that a \$700 check was a political contribution and not a dividend. A fifth count is an overall charge of perjury, without a specific allegation.

ALL OF THESE elements figured in the seven-week trial of Gremillion,



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state Rep. Salvador Anzelmo and former LL&T Board Chairman Ernest A. Bartlett Jr.

During that trial, the government introduced stock certificates in Gremillion's name and a proxy for his shares which Gremillion signed in favor of Bartlett for the shareholders meeting.

The check, made out in the name of attorney William A. Glennon Jr. and endorsed over to Gremillion, was identified by an LL&T employe as dividend for the shares held by the attorney general in Glennon's name.