

## California Official Will Fight a Ruling Favorable to I.T.T.

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The International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation has won a court ruling that it did not violate a Federal law when it contributed \$100,000 toward the Republican National Convention, but Edmund G. Brown Jr., California's Secretary of State, announced today that he would challenge the decision.

Federal District Judge Robert J. Kelleher last week dismissed Mr. Brown's suit against the corporation, ruling that the money had been given to a civic group to help attract the convention to San Diego and was a legitimate business expense, not in violation of the Corrupt Practices Act.

Mr. Brown, however, said that a notice of intention to appeal would be filed in United States District Court here next week, followed by a filing of the appeal itself with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco.

The original suit was thrown out by Judge Kelleher at the request of I.T.T. and the other defendants, the Sheraton Corporation and the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Brown, the only Democrat to hold statewide office in California, the son of former Gov. Edmund G. Brown, has been accused by Republicans of playing politics in the case.

Putnam Livermore, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, said that dismissal of the suit by Judge Kelleher should tell Mr. Brown "it's about time" he got back on his job as Secretary of State.

Officials of International Telephone were not available for comment on the appeal.