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TESTIMONY BEGINS IN THE DAVIS CASE

Witness Says Prosecutor
May Have Influenced Her

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SAN JOSE, Calif., March 30—
The state's first witness in the
murder trial of Angela Davis
said today that her testimony
may have been influenced by
the prosecutor.

"I hate to admit that I can be
influenced so easily," Mrs. Ma-
ria Elena Graham, the witness,
said with tears in her eyes, "I
have a mind of my own."

But when pressed by a de-
fense attorney, Howard Moore
Jr., in cross-examination, Mrs.
Graham said that she had been
influenced.

"Mr. Harris did influence you
didn't he?" Mr. Moore asked.
He did influence you to recall
a matter you previously had
not."

In an emotional, barely audi-
ble voice, Mrs. Graham an-
swered, "I suppose so."

"In a left-handed way, then,
you're agreeing with me." Mr.
Moore said.

"Yes," the witness replied.

One of the Hostages

Mrs. Graham was one of the
two jurors taken from Judge
Harold Haley's courtroom in
Marin County on Aug. 7, 1970.

Miss Davis is charged with
providing guns used in the
seizure of hostages. Judge
Haley, Jonathan Jackson, 17-
year-old brother of George
Jackson, and two convicts,
James D. McLain and William
A. Christmas, were killed dur-
ing the evening gun battle.

Mrs. Graham was in the get-
away van when the shootings
took place. She suffered a gun-
shot wound.

The issue of influence at the
trial today centered on a key
portion of Mrs. Graham's testi-
mony. She said that when she
and the other hostages were
taken from the courtroom, she
heard both Jonathan Jackson
and McClain say they wanted
the Soledad Brothers freed.

Th Jackson youth, according
to the police, smuggled the guns
into Judge Haley's courtroom.
McClain was one of three pris-
oners from San Quentin in-
volved in a criminal proceeding
that was taking place before
Judge Haley.