

B.R. Grand Jury Summons Partin; Labor Strife, Hoffa Case Linked

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Edward Grady Partin, local business agent whose testimony helped put International Teamster President James Hoffa behind bars, was called to appear here today before a parish grand jury probing violence and racketeering in labor and management relations.

Partin claims a labor-management crisis here is part of a conspiracy to make him change his testimony in Hoffa's jury tampering trial.

The crisis has triggered a special legislative session, probes at state and local government levels, and two grand jury probes.

PARTIN ONCE WAS a close associate of Hoffa, but he gave damaging testimony in Hoffa's Chattanooga, Tenn., trial in 1964.

Partin also was under subpoena to appear before a federal grand jury in New Orleans, Aug. 1.

He said a Justice Department subpoena asked for testimony regarding "conspiracy to cause perjury to be committed" and "attempts to obstruct justice."

Two federal marshals have guarded Partin since his Hoffa trial testimony. They reportedly were within earshot when Partin was approached concerning his testimony.

DIST. ATTY. Sargent Pitcher has said the parish grand jury is conducting a full scale investigation into law violations stemming from a labor crisis in this area. Bribery, shootings and bombings have been mentioned in connection with labor troubles.

Gov. John McKeithen has summoned the Legislature into a special session starting next week to create a state fact finding agency with power to subpoena witnesses

to testify in labor and management disputes. Partin, long a controversial figure here, now is the center of legal and public disagreements.

He was named in a \$3.1-million antitrust suit along with a cement manufacturer and a concrete products manufacturer here.

Altex Ready Mix Concrete Co. claims Partin, Lone

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Star Cement Corp., and the interests of Ted F. Dunham Sr. and Ted F. Dunham Jr. seek to run Altex out of business.

The younger Dunham testified he told sand and gravel pit operators last January he wanted only trucks of the Dixie Trucking Association to haul their products to his plants.

Attorneys called Dixie Trucking a Partin organization.

Dunham also testified he told pit operators to sign a contract with Dixie Trucking, and that he had an agreement with the only three pits still in operation to get first call on their gravel.

DIXIE TRUCKING and Partin's Teamster Local No. 5, which has had its affiliation with Teamsters' International severed, have picketed gravel pits other than the three which agreed to a contract. The Teamsters' local seeks to organize pit workers.