

## Judge Denies Jacobsen's Plea Bargain

DALLAS, Sept. 13 (UPI)—Refusing to recognize a Justice Department "plea bargain" deal with Texas lawyer Jake Jacobsen, U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Hill said today it would not be in the interest of justice to drop bribery charges against Jacobsen.

Hill could appoint a special prosecutor to press the charges against Jacobsen if the Justice Department refuses to do so. The department had asked Hill to drop bribery charges pending against Jacobsen in a San Angelo, Tex., court, but Hill refused to do so.

U.S. Attorney Frank McCown, acting on behalf of the Justice Department, refused Thursday to prosecute Jacobsen because the Austin attorney had agreed to testify for the government in the pending bribery trial of former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally.

"The government must fulfill its part of the plea bargain and therefore cannot go forward with the prosecution of the defendant Jacobsen in this case," McCown said.

Hill said today he still would not recognize the deal.

"The interest of justice would not be served by a dismissal of this case," he said. "The government in its bargain with Jacobsen made a promise to Jacobsen that it could not guarantee."

"It could have promised to move for a dismissal of this case . . . but it could not guarantee dismissal. This court was not a party to the bargain and is not bound by it."