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Dallas, Tex., Aug. 7 (AP)- Jack Ruby lost a skirmish today in his effort to escape the electric chair for killing Lee Harvey Oswald, accused ~~xxx~~ of assassinating President Kennedy.

Judge Joe B. Brown, who sentenced Ruby to death earlier this year for the Nov. 24 slaying, refused to approve the 15 formal bills of exception offered in the first step of Ruby's appeal to the court of criminal appeals.

The appellate court is the highest in Texas on criminal matters.

Brown filed with the district clerk answers to each of the bills, setting out his reasons for denying defense allegations of error in the trial.

Brown had no comment beyond his written answers,

The defense attacked Brown's failure to move the trial from Dallas and his refusal to disqualify prospective jurors who had seen the shooting of Oswald on television. They also contended testimony by Police Sgt. Patrick Dean was untrue and that Brown should not have permitted jurors to hear the testimony.

In his formal reply to the defense, Brown said that most of the bills of exception were either incorrect as to the actual <sup>INCIDENT</sup> incident or were "incomplete and deficient."

The defense claimed that Dean's testimony was false as to the time during which he talked with Ruby. Brown said that even if the time element were incorrect, the testimony was admissible.

The judge also said no error was committed by denying the defense permission to question each prospective juror as to whether he was a Democrat, Republican or member of the John Birch Society. He said the defense was harrasing prospective jurors by various frivolous and irrelevant questions.

On the question of whether persons who saw the shooting of Oswald on television were "witnesses," the judge answered that they "were not witnesses as a matter of law."

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